

# 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. NOTE:NO SEPT ISSUE

## PLANNED EVENTS:

- Apr. 29 Board meeting
- May 18 Armed Forces Day Luncheon, Hanscom
- June Navy ship visit TBD
- Dec 7 or 14 (TBD) Toys for Tots Brunch
- Dec 30 All Service Academies Holly Ball

## AWARDS



(LEFT)MBC Pres. Steve Schnitzer presented a Council award to Base Boston reservist EM1 Brian Espinoza 08 April. (L to R USCG Base Boston CO, CAPT Andy Brown, EM1 Brian Espinoza, Steve Schnitzer, ETCM Jeffrey Waters.

(RIGHT) On March 13, MBC Pres. Steve Schnitzer & MBC VP for Cape Cod Reid Oslin (not in photo) present the MSST 1110 Cape Cod Enlisted Person of the Year award to SK2 Julia S. Skidmore, USCG. Looking on is the unit XO, LT Colin M. Boyle. Of interest, our council VP for Cape Cod, Reid Oslin, is a Coast Guard Auxiliary and stands active duty radio watches for the command.



**Armed Forces Day Luncheon**  
**Saturday, May 18**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**Captain Eric J. Doucette, USCG**  
**Commander, Sector Boston**  
**"The Revitalization of Boston Harbor; and**  
**Global Counter Terrorism"**  
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## Jones Act Attacks

The Cato Institute and its allies renewed their attacks on the Jones Act last week, renting billboards to attack the law, which is crucial to the U.S.-flag fleet and national security. Additionally, columnist George Will took to [the pages of The Washington Post](#) to assail the act in an essay full of errors, including the assertion that troops get overseas by airplane and shipping only carries a tiny percentage of war materiel.

[Help us fight back where it matters, in Congress!](http://www.voterveice.net/NavyLeague/Campaigns/63533/Respond) Go to:  
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## USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116) COMMISSIONING SUPPORT RECOGNIZED



Supporting commissioning of USS Thomas HUDNER (DDG 116) were State Representative Harold Naughton and Sen. Michael Rush and Michael Rodriguez; for whom we give thanks.

Honorary Plankowner plaques were presented by Commissioning Committee Chairman, Tom Hennessey, Steve Schnitzer and Bill Malloy.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

### **GET INVOLVED WITH OUR COUNCIL**

Join the Board of Directors. Help plan our programs and activities. Contact President Steve Schnitzer at [1smschnitzer@gmail.com](mailto:1smschnitzer@gmail.com) if you'd like more information and/or to attend a meeting. Also, needed is an Editor for The Ship's Whistle. Any volunteers?

## **REMINDER**

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Commander, Sector Boston

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**Changing of the Guard.** New President Steve Schnitzer presents a plaque to outgoing council President Tom Hennessey. (Photo by Al Prudhomme)

## **SEA CADET NEWS**

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**



David G. Ouellet Division Petty Officer 2nd Class **Ryan Litch**, NSCC, received a full NROTC Scholarship to Norwich University to major in Mechanical Engineering! Ryan is a member of the National Honor Society, has a GPA of 3.72 (4.52 weighted / considering AP courses), was a co-captain of the cross country team, plays the baritone saxophone in both the concert and jazz band, and has been a peer mentor and tutor.



(Coast Guard photo) ENS Peter Gelsthorpe, USN, standing aft in Navy RIB transferring Cubans to USCGC Charles Sexton (WPC 1108) Former sea cadet in Sq 7Z, ENS Gelsthorpe, USS James E. Williams (DDG 95) was team leader in rescuing Cuban immigrants from a sinking sailboat. His father Peter was also a cadet in Squadron 7Z years before.



### **Sea Cadets March in Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019**

*Boston, MA* - It was a cold and sunny day for the people of Boston as a million or so spectators crowded the streets to celebrate the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Hours before the parade started, the Sea Cadets of New England Region 1-1, *Constitution Division*, *Massachusetts Bay Division*, and *Squadron 7-Zulu*, prepared their color guard teams and cadets for the long, 3.2 mile route, the longest parade route in Massachusetts. The parade began and the streets of South Boston roared with enthusiasm as various groups marched on. The cadets demonstrated mental toughness in the cold and windy weather and maintained their military discipline as some of the parade goers heckled them. Many people commented that the cadets' discipline was equivalent or surpassed that of an active duty military unit. When organizing the regional divisions before the parade, it was discovered that about one half of the cadets have neither attended Recruit Training nor League Cadet Orientation. With just minutes of practice before the start of the parade, the cadets worked together to instruct the junior cadets how to march, at the very least, to stay in step with cadence. Due to the leadership and teamwork, many people took notice and commented on the cadets' military bearing and professionalism. Throughout the two and a half hour parade, the cadets displayed that the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is comprised of disciplined, dedicated, and motivated young men and women. ( *Written by Chief Petty Officer Kyle Sheedy, NSCC, Constitution Div.* )

## ADVANCEMENT TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



Daniel Noons of Marshfield has advanced to Chief Petty Officer, the Highest Rank Possible, with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps and serves in the Gosnold Division, Headquartered at the Mass. Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay, MA. He is a true role model for fellow U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, as he participates in a wide variety of land-based and ship-based activities and training as the top Cadet of Gosnold Division. The highest rank bestowed by the Corps, "Chief Petty Officer", is synonymous with "Eagle" in the Boy Scout program. Pictured with him during his advancement ceremony is his grandfather, a U.S. Navy Veteran, Mr. Joe Liburdi of Princeton, Mass.

Noons is a Senior at Marshfield High School. He is a lifeguard for the YMCA, and an accomplished varsity swimmer, Daniel has been an award-winning member of the Gosnold Division's Swim Team as well as the Silent Drill Team, and served as a Squad Leader before his appointment as the Leading Cadet.

Daniel began his cadet career in the Corps at the age of 11 and has progressed to Chief Petty Officer after completing recruit training "boot camp" at Ft. Devens in Ayer, Mass., as well as training with the Coast Guard in Woods Hole; "Leadership Academy" at Mass. Maritime Academy; Field Operations in Plymouth; Military Police Training in Newport, R.I.; and underway at sea aboard the USS WHIDBEY ISLAND, a Navy transport ship.

Noons is also accomplished in the martial arts, practicing Tai Kwon Do for four years, as well as boxing for a year. An accomplished singer and guitar player, he is a member of the high school choral group "Marshalairs."

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The NJROTC unit at John D. O'Bryant school toured USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109). Although we do not "sponsor" Junior ROTCs, we do present the Navy League Medal to outstanding cadets.

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Cordially Invites You  
to honor our military at a

***Armed Forces Day Buffet Luncheon***

11:30 AM  
Saturday, May 18, 2019  
The Commons (former 'O' Club)  
Hanscom Air Force Base  
Bedford, MA

Guest Speaker  
***Captain Eric J. Doucette, USCG***  
Commander, Sector Boston  
“The revitalization of Boston Harbor  
and global Counter Terrorism”

Cost: \$35 per person  
RSVP below

Dress: Business attire  
Uniform of the Day

DIRECTIONS: Due to security issues, those without military IDs must enter Hanscom from Rte. 2A. From Rte 95/128, go West on Rte 2A for 1.6 mi. Turn right at Hanscom sign and stay right for military gate. A list will be at the gate. Have IDs available. Go straight to intersection; turn left, then, at light, turn right. Pass the gas station. At second light, turn left on Kirkland up hill to parking.

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Make checks payable to “MBC, NLUS”. Mark choice of “fish” or “chicken”.

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Sorry, am unable to attend but will sponsor military and/or Sea Cadet Guests. My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.