

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.

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URGENT: WRITE OR CALL YOUR CONGRESSMAN NOW!

Refer to previously sent Ship's Whistle with Rep. Luria's letter to Pres. Biden on Maritime Centric National Defense Strategy. "Now is not the time to cut our defense spending—reality requires that we spend more to meet our defense needs." (Links on p. 3)

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USS *Thomas Hudner* (DDG-116) News



Cmdr. Bo Mancuso recently relieved Cmdr. Brett Litchfield as C.O. during a ceremony aboard the ship at Naval Station Mayport. The ship is now an escort in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group operating with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea participating in Sea Shield 2021 naval exercises in the Black Sea, hosted by Romania and included NATO members: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Standing NATO Maritime Group TWO, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

AWARDS

The Massachusetts Bay Council recognizes outstanding enlisted personnel with a certificate and a cash stipend.



Council V.P. Jim McLoughlin (on left) presented the council's Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) for MSST Cape Cod (91110) to MK3 Richard Morage, USCG.

AWARDS (Cont'd)



Council VP Jim McLoughlin presented the CG Air Station, Cape Cod Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) award to AET2 Nicholas Webb.



Council Past-President John Tata presenting Recruiter of the Year Award to Navy Recruiter of the Year BM1 Elias Dalton of Worcester Station, Talent Acquisition Group - New England (formerly named Navy Recruiting District – New England). The ceremony was held at the Leominster Vietnam Memorial on March 29.



President Stephen Schnitzer presents the USCGC Spencer (WMEC 905) 2020 EPOY Award to EM1 Antonio Maciel on 4-5-2021. Looking on is the C.O., CDR Tom Rodzewicz. In attendance was RADM John Mauger, the Asst Commandant for Capability.

AWARDS (Cont'd)



Boatswain's Mate

2nd Class Jacklyn Ditzel, from Pottsville, Pennsylvania, is recognized by the Massachusetts Bay Council-Navy League of the United

States as USS Constitution's Sailor of the Year. Also recognized is AN Yummy S. Soaia as Bluejacket of the Year. Not pictured is LS3 Jason Petitfrere recognized as Junior Sailor of the Year.

Pictured are CDR John Benda, 76th Commanding Officer of USS Constitution, Massachusetts, Bay Council members Brian Miskell, Pres. Steve Schnitzer, and City of Boston Commissioner Of Veterans Affairs Robert Santiago.

USS Constitution, is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855. During normal operations, the active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation to more than 600,000 people a year as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence. USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents. The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the war of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Alec Kramer/Released)

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NAVY RECRUITING NAME CHANGED

The Navy Recruiting Command has gone through a transformation to streamline the command structure and improve the quality of life for recruiters by placing individuals in specialized jobs to support the growing Navy vision. The new model splits recruiters' tasks into three separate recruiting disciplines; talent scouts, assessors, and on boarders. Under the old organization, recruiters had to focus on and be experts in all the areas. Under the new concept, recruiters focus on the specific discipline they work under.

Navy Talent Acquisition Group New England (formerly Navy Recruiting District New England)

covers over 93,500 square miles encompassing the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and the Eastern half of New York. Headquartered out of Boston, the command has more than 35 recruiting stations, eight Navy Operation Support Centers, four Military Entrance Processing Stations, and maintains two stations overseas at Kaiserslautern, Germany and Naples, Italy covering the entire territory of Europe, Southwest Asia and the Middle East.

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