

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:

- 28 June Navy Band Northeast at Faneuil Hall Marketplace for Harborfest. 11 AM.
- July Tour of USS Ramage (DDG 61) (TBD) Invitations by email.
- Oct Navy Birthday and Annual Meeting. (TBD)
- 1 December USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) Commissioning. To receive an invitation for an invitation go to <http://www.usshudnerddg116.org/commissioning-tickets>
- 9 Dec Annual Toys for Tots benefit (TBD)

Navy League LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS!

Navy League secured multiple victories for the sea services in FY2018 Budget. Below are 2017 and 2018 actions. Your emails and letters were important.

Navy League Recommended: Repeal Budget Control Act

The Budget Control Act caps were raised for FY18 and FY19 by almost \$300 billion.

Navy League Recommended: Grow the USN fleet to 355 ships; USMC needs 38 amphibious ships

The 355-ship Navy goal was codified in law in the FY18 NDAA, including a requirement for 38 amphibious ships. The Shipbuilding & Conversion budget approved over \$20B in FY17 and FY18, breaking historical norms. Included additional amphibious ship for USMC.

Navy League Recommended: Investment in Readiness

Increased funding for Navy and USMC aircraft, spares was included.

Navy League Recommended: ACI (Acquisition, Construction and Improvements) budget of at least \$2B/year for USCG

\$2.7B in ACI funding in FY18 was passed.

Navy League Recommended Six Coast Guard Fast Response Cutters per year

Six Fast Response Cutters in FY17, FY18 were approved.

Navy League Recommended: Increased Hurricane Supplemental funds for the Coast Guard

Hurricane response was funded at \$411.1M over the request; nearly double original.

Navy League Recommended: Fund National Security Multi-Mission Vessel

FY18 was funded and FY19 Funding requested for NSMMV training ships at \$300M each. For the Maritime Administration Reserve Fleet to train Merchant Marine Officers at the academies.

Navy League Recommended: Fund Maritime Security Program at \$300M/year

\$300M was fully funded for Maritime Security Program in FY17 and FY18.

Navy League Recommended: Protect the Jones Act

Four anti-Jones Act bills were defeated in 2017.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – GET INVOLVED WITH OUR COUNCIL –

Join the Board of Directors. Help plan our programs and activities. Contact President Tom Hennessey at tvh@alum.mit.edu if you'd like more information and/or to attend a meeting.

Sea Cadet News

The **Gosnold Division** assisted the "Coast Guard in Space" program put on by the Coast Guard Heritage Museum and enjoyed interacting with the two Coast Guard Astronauts. The Barnstable Patriot mentioned their participation and had a photo (sorry, not reproduceable). Other news: PO3 Craig, NSCC, scholarship review application was essay chosen to be published in "Sea Cadet Quarterly"; the Gosnold 2017 Cadet of Year was selected for the Marine Corp Leadership Program: PO1 Christian Krafton completed 6 weeks training/qualification at USCG station Cape Cod Canal.

David G. Oullet Division assisted at the Boston Wounded Vets 5K Race on 12 May. On 26 May they placed flags on veterans' graves and on 28 May assisted with Memorial Day Services. Twice a year they get orientation and flight training on fixed wing and helicopters.



Constitution Division

A few of the cadets at the USS Manchester Commissioning; Middleton Memorial Day Parade; and at the Pioneer Club for marksmanship training



Massachusetts Bay Division

Promotions, awards and graduation of 16 cadets. Hosted visiting United Kingdom cadets.



Navy League Promotional Video

The Navy League video is available for viewing and download. Go to: <http://www.navyleague.org/councils/video.html>.

NAVY LEAGUE PORTAL. Did you know that you can edit your personal information, see minutes of Navy League National meetings, reports, council support materials and much more. If you have not already signed up, go to <https://portal.navyleague.org/login> and "JOIN". You'll receive a temporary password which you may change after entering the Portal.

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Commander First Coast Guard District Change of Command



Krys Maksymowicz, RADM Andrew J. Tiongson, wife Katherine Tiongson (CAPT USCG, Ret.), Iris Schnitzer, & Stephen Schnitzer. (photo by Stuart P. Hartley photography-video, classmate of RADM Poulin)

RADM Steven D. Poulin (on right) being relieved by RADM Andrew J. Tiongson (on left), VADM Scott A. Buschman (center) Commander Atlantic Area, Defense Force East (photo by PO3 Amber Howie,USCG)

In the small world of the Coast Guard, Rear Admiral Tiongson was the Commanding Officer of USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754) which our council assisted in commissioning in Boston in 2015. Admiral Tiongson is a career cutterman whose time at sea spans five Coast Guard cutters and one U.S. Navy ship. His afloat career began in 1989 onboard USCGC ESCANABA (WMEC 907). Most recently, in 2015, he commissioned, bringing the Coast Guard's fifth National Security Cutter into service. While serving onboard USS NORMANDY (CG- 60) as part of the U.S. Coast Guard - U.S. Navy exchange program, he deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. He has served in four command cadre positions afloat: Executive Officer onboard USCGC MOHAWK (WMEC 913) and Commanding Officer onboard USCGC NANTUCKET (WPB 1316), USCGC LEGARE (WMEC 912) and USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754). **WELCOME BACK TO BOSTON!**

Council Activity in May and June

On Friday May 18 at the **Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War**, the council sponsored a USS Hudner information table at USS Constitution Museum. MBC members Pres. Tom Hennessey, Treas. Bob Powers, & Board Members Steve Schnitzer & Brian Miskell manned the info booth which attracted a great deal of interest from attending veterans of all ages.

Navy Operational Support Center, Quincy. Board Members Steve Schnitzer & Krys Maksymowicz attended the Change of Command aboard USS Constitution where CDR Paul T. Annestad was relieved by LCDR Ryan L. Seggerty. NOSC Quincy, is responsible for the training, administration and medical readiness of more than 275 Reserve Sailors who make up 15 diverse units that provide operational capabilities to their supported active-duty commands fleetwide. P.3

USCG Cutter Seneca (WMEC 906) Change of Command on 24 May. Tom Hennessey, Paul Keane, Steve Schnitzer & Iris Schnitzer attended when CDR Alan B. McCabe was relieved by CDR John J. Christensen.

Navy Accepted USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) on June 15 by CDR Nathan Scherry. Commissioning Committee members Steve Schnitzer, Brian Miskell, Chairman Tom Hennessey, Co-Chairs Rick & Nancy Kelleher, Reid and Jane Oslin along with Thomas Hudner, III, & family which presented a flag set to the ship.

