

# The Ship's Whistle



JAN-MAR 2020



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. (No Jan or Feb issues)

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**Happy St. Patrick's Day—Stay well!**

## COUNCIL PLANS

May	Special event TBA
June	Navy League Convention, Phoenix, AZ
July	Possible ship visit; tours TBA
Aug	Coast Guard Birthday
Oct	Navy Birthday event TBD
Dec	Toys for Tots event TBD

## AWARDS



The Maritime Safety Security Team 9110 Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) Award at Joint Base Cape Cod was presented by Council VP Reid Oslin who is also a Coast Guard Auxiliant, to BM1 Spencer Hinman while C.O., LCDR Chris Guy (left), looks on. He received a certificate and a cash award.



MST1 Nicholas Morgan, lead petty officer of the Facilities Inspection Branch, Sector Boston, was presented an EPOY certificate and cash award by council President Steve Schnitzer.



(LEFT) LCDR Jim McLoughlin, NSCC, presents the Gosnold Division Sea Cadet of the Year plaque and medal to Lucas McFarland. (RIGHT) Council VP Genevieve Guimond presents T/S Patriot State League Cadet of the Year to Max Smith while C.O., LCDR Jim McLoughlin looks on.

**PLANNED PORT CALL BY USS McFaul (DDG 74) for mid-March was CANCELLED DUE TO coronavirus.**

**Sea-Air-Space 2020** was cancelled due to an order by the governor of Maryland prohibiting gatherings in excess of 250 people. S-A-S has been a major source of funding for Navy League.



## THE NEW ENGLAND REGION NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL MEET SATURDAY 21 MARCH

Nominations are open for national officers and for Delegates who will elect them at the Convention in June. Delegates will be elected by the Membership and the Delegates will elect the National Officers. The Region Nominating Committee will nominate our Region's Delegates and also any National Officers. Region President David Samuels has completed his three years maximum and is not eligible for reelection in that position. In order to be elected, candidates must attend the Convention. (Note: Delegates have replaced National Directors under the new governance bylaws effective in June.) For more information contact Dave Samuels at [davsamuels@yahoo.com](mailto:davsamuels@yahoo.com) or to nominate someone, contact the Committee Chairman, George Ripsom, at [gripsom@comcast.net](mailto:gripsom@comcast.net).

## CHANGES OF COMMAND

### USS Constitution



On 29 Feb, CDR Nathaniel Shick was relieved by CDR John Benda aboard USS Constitution who salutes CDR Shick on his departure. At a reception following, Steve Schnitzer presented recognition to CDR Shick for his outstanding support of the council and our Naval Sea Cadets. CDR Benda, who had served as Executive Officer, is a graduate of Dedham H.S. and Worcester Polytech (NROTC). (photos by Constitution crew)

### Navy Recruiting District New England



Cdr Pat W. Hart was relieved by Cdr Brian D. Doherty on March 6 at Faneuil Hall. Cdr Doherty is a native of Charlestown and was raised in Plymouth. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1997. He served as the executive officer, Navy Recruiting District New England since in August 2018.

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Take note of the new Navy League logo (in the header) which is the original one used when Navy League was founded.

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NOTE: Council Board meetings are open to all members. However, due to building security, your name is needed in advance. If coming, contact President Steve Schnitzer at [1smschnitzer@gmail.com](mailto:1smschnitzer@gmail.com).

**NOTE: DUE TO HEALTH SECURITY AT THIS TIME, MEETING ATTENDANCE MIGHT BE ON CONFERENCE CALLS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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