

# 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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## PLANNED EVENTS:

May 17. **USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116)** event, Fall River (**sorry, sold out**)

May 18. Vietnam War Commemoration and USS Constitution berthing (see below)

May 19. **The Coast Guard Heritage Museum**, Barnstable, **presentation by the only two US Coast Guard astronauts**. (See below)


May 26. **USS MANCHESTER (LCS 14) COMMISSIONING** in Portsmouth, NH. For an invitation go to:

<http://ussmanchester-org.vps-vetventures-org.vps.ezhostingserver.com/email-form?tickets=1>

May (TBD). Armed Forces Day Luncheon.

June 2018. Navy League Convention, Portland, OR, coincides with Annual Fleet Week and Rose Festival.

July. Probable ship visit for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

December . USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) Commissioning. To receive an invitation for an invitation go to <http://www.usshudnerddg116.org/commissioning-tickets>



Photos during Sea Trials: Down the Kennebec River and at sea.

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## Navy League Promotional Video

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

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## Awards



Pres. Tom Hennessey and VP Steve Schnitzer present Navy Sword to MIDN 1/C Mykaela Coughlin, BU NROTC, who has been accepted for Navy flight school. Hometown: Monroe, CT.



# **JOBS! GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** For any Member interested in the planning and operations of our Massachusetts Bay Council, the Board meets most last Mondays of the month in Boston. Visit a meeting. Contact President Tom Hennessey at [tvh@alum.mit.edu](mailto:tvh@alum.mit.edu) if you'd like more information and/or to attend.

**TREASURER.** Regrettably, our Treasurer has decided to step down and we need a replacement. Usual duties include receiving and recording income, paying bills, monitoring investments and filing financial reports, et al. Familiarity with Excel or other financial software is required. Contact President Tom Hennessey at [tvh@alum.mit.edu](mailto:tvh@alum.mit.edu) if you'd like more information.

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## **SEA CADET TRAINING – rates a rousing BRAVO ZULU (Navy signal meaning “WELL DONE”)**

A report from Master Chief Barry Crawford (Ret), Commanding Officer, Squadron 7-Zulu:

“I would like to report that we had an extremely successful weekend aboard the USS Salem. Our inaugural event dubbed "Operations Salem" involved Squadron 7 Zulu and Mass Bay Division, 25 Cadets and 10 adult volunteers, 1 overnight, 4 meal periods, and one 21,000 ton Heavy Cruiser.

There were no actual deaths or injuries to report, but (after a full day of quality training) we did have 10 (simulated) casualties during a training exercise in which a hostile boat unloaded a terrorist aboard the ship before exploding and punching a hold in the ships hull below the water line.

This exercise taught the Cadets how to manage ship operations through a custom computer simulation program requiring five divisions to communicate and work together to navigate into open waters, to defend the ship against hostile aggressors, to save the flooding ship after an explosion, fight fires, and save lives of those insured from the explosion.

This was very effective training for the Cadets and a good time was had by all! We hope to do this again in the future with a lot more participants and other units.

Special thanks go out to LTjg Mike Munger and his exceptional simulator program and security training team; INST Frank San Severino and his team of makeup artists and fire department support; and INST James Bodell and the crew of the USS Salem for their incredible support. The rest of our outstanding team of leaders, ensured Cadets were fed, safe, and involved in executing this mission and I commend all of you as well for your outstanding efforts. Attached is a link to day 1 of training. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/1EjDVMpoT4rzw1Dq5> “

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**The Coast Guard in Space.** Saturday, May 19th at 10 AM. **The Coast Guard Heritage Museum** is sponsoring a presentation by the only two US Coast Guard astronauts on May 19 at the Unitarian Church, Rte. 6A, Barnstable, directly across the street from the Heritage Museum; and refreshments will be served following the presentation. Located at 3330 Main St. There will be a brief oral presentation, followed by an informal Q & A featuring the only two Coast Guard NASA Astronauts, CDR Bruce Melnick, USCG (ret) and CAPT Dan Burbank, USCG (ret). From 12:00 to 15:00, we'll move across the street to the Museum for a tour of the exhibit as well as a meet-and-greet with the astronauts. The normal \$5 admission fee will cover admission to both events.

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**Vietnam War Commemoration and USS Constitution berthing.** Friday, May 18, 1:00 PM. Charlestown Navy Yard. 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Period. A panel of distinguished veterans and community leaders will honor those who served. Also view USS Constitution return to berth on Pier 1 and enjoy the U.S. Navy Northeast Rock Band.

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