

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:

June 8-11 USS Truxtun(DDG 103). Tour TBA

July Navy ship visit TBD

Dec 7 or 14 (TBD) Toys for Tots Brunch

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Armed Forces Day Luncheon



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Alfred Prudhomme, Jr.



Stunned and very saddened, we report the passing of Al Prudhomme the evening of May 18th.

He was with us that day at the Armed Forces Day Luncheon, stepping in to assist as he always did, a volunteer without fanfare or seeking credit. Clerk (Secretary) of the Massachusetts Bay Council for ten years. A greeter of visiting Navy ships and retired Chief Petty Officer, he'd often spend time in the Goat Locker (CPO mess) regaling the crew with his sea stories. A friend to all and the consummate Navy man, he will be well-remembered and sorely missed. We are all richer for having known him and wish his spirit fair winds and following seas.



The Massachusetts Bay Council held its annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon on May 18 at Hanscom AFB.

Guest Speaker was Captain Eric J. Doucette, USCG, Captain of the Port and Commander Sector Boston. Capt. Doucette spoke of his unique experiences while serving under two administrations as the Vice President's Special Advisor for Counterterrorism and Homeland Security, giving us an insider's view not seen by the general public. He also updated us on Boston Harbor construction, dredging and Security concerns, specifically replying to the question of "What keeps you up at night?"

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