

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.



Please observe the ordered and recommended actions for avoiding contact and spread of Covid-19. Wear a mask!

COUNCIL PLANS-

Nov 30 Annual Meeting using Zoom. Details will be sent to Members
Dec Toys for Tots event TBD



NOTE: Council Board meetings will be held by tele-conference until further notice. If interested in attending, contact this editor for details.

Coast Guard EPOY Award



Council V.P. Jim McLoughlin presents the Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod Enlisted Person of the Year Award to YN1 Rebecca Burke, USCG. The award consists of a cash stipend and a frameable certificate.

Air Station Cape Cod, with its three helicopters and four jets, is the only Coast Guard Aviation facility in the northeast and is responsible for the waters from New Jersey to the Canadian border.

How to get a Member? Ask.



Family needs due to Covid-19 are greater than ever. In lieu of our traditional luncheon, we plan on a toy and funds raiser. Details will follow soon.

[Below Source: www.military.com]

Happy Navy 245th Birthday



13 October

"A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace." - Theodore Roosevelt

"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'" - John F. Kennedy

October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset British sea power. The early Continental navy was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America.

Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance. But with the expansion of trade and shipping in the 1790s, the possibility of attacks of European powers and pirates increased, and in March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates, The United States Navy was here to stay.

USCGC Escanaba returns to Boston

Source: U.S. Coast Guard 1st District Northeast Public Affairs



Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba (WMEC 907), returned home to Boston, Tuesday, following a 65-day counter-narcotics patrol in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

The crew supported Operation Martillo, a presidential initiative designed to disrupt transnational criminal organizations in Central and South America.

Following their arrival in the Pacific, Escanaba's crew coordinated with a U.S. Customs and Border Protection maritime patrol aircraft crew, and a U.S. Navy HH-60 helicopter crew embarked on the USS Pinckney (DDG 91), to interdict a vessel smuggling more than 3,000 pounds of suspected narcotics.

The 100-person crew remained busy throughout their patrol, interdicting five vessels and detaining 15 suspected narcotics traffickers attempting to smuggle more than 1,700 pounds of cocaine, almost 500 gallons of liquid cocaine and approximately 6,500 pounds of marijuana with a total estimated street value of more than \$58 million.

In addition to law enforcement operations, Escanaba's crew participated in a training event with the Costa Rican Coast Guard. The exercise focused on tactics, communications, and best practices for combatting transnational criminal organizations in Central and South America and strengthened a vital partnership in the region. Partner nations, such as Costa Rica, are involved in almost 70% of drug disruptions, a capability built through years of security cooperation.

On April 1, U.S. Southern Command began enhanced counter-narcotics operations in the Western Hemisphere

to disrupt the flow of drugs in support of Presidential National Security Objectives. Numerous U.S. agencies cooperate in the effort to combat transnational organized crime. The Coast Guard, Navy, Customs and Border Protection, FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, along with allied and international partner agencies, play a role in counter-drug operations.

The fight against drug cartels in the Eastern Pacific Ocean requires unity of effort in all phases from detection, monitoring and interdictions, to criminal prosecutions by international partners and U.S. Attorneys' Offices in districts across the nation. The interdictions, including the actual boardings, are led and conducted by members of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Current Navy League Campaigns

go to: <https://navyleague.quorum.us/campaign/27411/>



The Issue: URGE THE SENATE TO SUPPORT OUR SUBMARINE FORCE

A second Virginia-class submarine sits at the top of a \$5.4 billion **unfunded** priority list from the U.S. Navy. These attack submarines are the "**tip of the spear**" in deterring near-peer competitors like Russia and China. Failure to procure a second Virginia-class submarine "is at odds with the National Defense Strategy". Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Mike Gilday, has stated that if Congress could give him another ship today, any ship, he would choose a **second Virginia-class submarine**. The construction and introduction of a second Virginia-class submarine is not only vital to America's national security interests, it is vital to our shipbuilding industrial base which is struggling in the midst of the COVID-19 epidemic.

Why You Should Take Action. Without procurement of a second Virginia-class submarine, America's forward posture and deterrence capacity are in danger. Contact your Senators today and demand that procurement of a second Virginia-class submarine be included in the FY21 National Defense Authorization Act. Use the link above.

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