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The Ship's Whistle

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).

Coming Events:

November 10: USCGC William Chadwick (WPC 1150) Commissioning in Boston

November 23: Devotion: The Movie* release

December: Toys for Tots toys and funds raiser



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Dalton L. Baugh

Award for Inspirational Leadership presented to LT DEVIN MONTEIRO, USCG

Past Council President Steve Schnitzer presented the Dalton L. Baugh Award for Inspirational Leadership to LT Devin Monteiro, USCG, on Oct. 18th aboard USS Constitution. (Excerpts from his nomination on page 4)

Named in honor of Dalton L. Baugh, who made history in World War Two as one of the first 'Black' Naval Officers (The Golden Thirteen) who were commissioned as Ensigns in 1944. He then served in the Naval Reserve until he retired in 1964 as a Lieutenant Commander. He was a member of the Navy League and assisted Navy Recruiting by advising about minority recruiting, made visits to schools and other groups, and opening eyes to the many opportunities for minorities in the military and inspiring them to enlist.

The Massachusetts Bay Council, when appropriate, presents the Baugh award to an active-duty minority serving officer who has demonstrated Inspirational leadership, excellence and professionalism. Previous awardees who were then, or later were promoted, are RADM Edmund Moore, RADM Mack Gaston (dec), RADM Wendell Johnson (dec) and VADM Walter Davis, VADM Joseph Reason and VADM Kevin Scott.



Irish Navy Ship LE JAMES JOYCE visited Boston with little fanfare and no general visiting. However, following tradition, Council Pres. Tom Hennessey presented a plaque to Commanding Officer LCDR Donnchadh Cahalane on Sept. 12. (Photo credit Ryan Roddick).

Accountant - CPA Help Wanted

With the forthcoming commissioning of USS Nantucket (LCS 27) we expect to be in the range which requires financial statements be reviewed by an independent CPA. We need a Certified Auditor willing to work pro bono on the Council's books.

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SEA CADETS

The Annual Sea Cadet Recruit Training and Petty Officer Leadership Academy



Front row: Jane LaRoche, CO MONADNOCK Division, (Peterboro, NH); LTJG Penny Chartier, NAUTILUS -571 Division (Groton, CT); LCDR Jim McLoughlan, CO GOSNOLD Division; LCDR Alfred McMullen, CO CONSTITUTION Division (Haverhill). Back row: ENS Greg Peters, H. R. DICKSON Division (Manchester, NH); ENS Austin Osborn, GOSNOLD Division (Cape Cod); LT Ruben Jollie, SEATTLE Detachment (Brooklyn, NY). Note: LT Jollie is an active duty Navy Recruiter, currently stationed in Amherst, NH and has volunteered his time with the Recruit Training for several years.

Our thanks to the Officers of Recruit Training Command New England 2022. Their dedication, sleepless nights, aching joints, and frequent headaches made positive impact on the participating Cadets' lives. Bravo Zulu team!



For the third consecutive year, Camp Edwards, the Army National Guard component of Joint Base

Cape Cod, served as "landlord" for the Summer training. Eighty recruits, 15 leadership academy cadets, 11 staff cadets and 11 escorting officers comprised the contingent. Recruits completed classes in naval history, firefighting, military drill, ship nomenclature, etc. and daily physical fitness, while the leadership academy classes focused on topics such as communication, the role and responsibility of petty officers, values and ethics, etc. Of primary importance was the emphasis on practical leadership application, rather than classroom lessons and to this end, the cadets were afforded an opportunity to complete the Camp Edwards Leadership Reaction Course, as well as several practical scenarios and teamwork exercises. Both the Recruit Training and Leadership training were a resounding success.



David G. Ouellet Division

On 18 Sept., competed in the annual Gloucester Fish Box Derby and came in **FIRST PLACE!** The car displayed the hull number and ribbons earned by the destroyer escort/frigate USS Ouellet (DE/FF 1077) named for a posthumous Medal of Honor recipient for actions aboard a **River Patrol Boat in Vietnam.**

In August, held a "Meet and Greet" with prospects and parents and three will join; another, too young, plans to wait until next year.

Gosnold Division

On Saturday September 24, 2022, the Cape Cod Gateway Airport invited the community to an event called A Great Day at the Gateway - Celebrating America on Cape Cod and honoring America's military past and present. Gosnold Division provided a color guard and other services.

How to get a Member? Ask him or her!

The Jones Act. Economics and National Security

[Keep this in mind should Congress again consider killing the Jones Act.]

A recent Boston Globe editorial promoted killing the Jones Act. This time, on the basis of costs of shipping to Puerto Rico and ignoring the facts and the needs for **national security**.

Two recent studies, by Ernst and Young and The Transportation Institute dispute the claim that it increases the cost of shipping goods by reducing competition. The Ernst and Young study shows that the Jones Act actually provides more affordable and reliable shipping. The Transportation Institute study looked at serving Puerto Rico versus comparable international routes in the Caribbean region and **found overwhelmingly better carrier performance with Jones Act carriers** than non-Jones Act ones. **Jones Act carriers proved to be 27 times more affordable** and 8 times more reliable than non-Jones Act carriers.”

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) study found that the Jones Act companies provided the island with service that foreign carriers simply could not provide.

By addressing only Puerto Rico, ignored were the **coastal and inland waterways** restrictions the Jones Act provides. China has been increasingly building and using merchant ships for military purposes. Imagine Chinese-flagged vessels cruising our coasts and travelling our inland waterways with Chinese or Russian spies or Islamic terrorists as crews. Moreover, the American merchant marine and civilian shipping industry would be virtually eliminated by state-subsidized Chinese vessels, just like our manufacturing and industrial base has been similarly damaged. Another critical loss would be our reserve of merchant mariners and civilian shipyard experience and workers.

Without the Jones Act, the U.S. would be dependent on foreign ships and crews, none of which can be counted on in the event of war or maritime support for the U.S. military. Worse, it would be difficult, costly, and possibly impossible to defend all of the inland waterways and our coasts from threats that may be aboard foreign ships. **Keep the Jones Act!**



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The Sentinel-class fast response cutter (FRC) is designed for multiple missions, including drug and migrant interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense. The Coast Guard has ordered 65 FRCs to replace the 1980s-era Island-class 110-foot patrol boats. The FRCs feature advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment; over the horizon cutter boat deployment to reach vessels of interest; and improved habitability and seakeeping.

Another Fast response Cutter is scheduled for commissioning in Boston in 2023. Date TBD.

COMING SOON **Our Annual**



BENEFIT

LAST YEAR WE COLLECTED (OR RECEIVED CASH TO PURCHASE) over 360 toys and games for distribution locally through the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Take advantage of early sales prices to purchase and save items to donate when we announce details.



LT DEVIN MONTEIRO, USCG

[Excerpts from the NOMINATION FOR THE DALTON L. BAUGH AWARD FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP]

.... LT Monteiro's unparalleled performance, steadfast leadership, and devotion to duty deserves the highest of recognitions, As the Coast Guard emerged from the tumultuous COVID-19 pandemic, LT Monteiro's passion for the sea and eagerness to sail fostered a much-needed culture of enthusiasm that was contagious within his crew of 19 sailors. His superior planning and mission execution in support of the First District's Operation ATLANTIC VENTURE resulted in a staggering 26 patrols totaling 1,200 underway hours that spanned 8,000 nautical miles. His leadership was paramount in USCGC KEY LARGO's crew achieving 66 boardings with 36 regulatory violations and netting five high profile fisheries cases to include two manifestly unsafe voyage terminations of non-compliant commercial fishing vessels. A highly adaptable officer, leading above his paygrade and beyond his maturity, LT Monteiro remained unwavering in the face of mounting adversity. As the Commanding Officer of a 110' Island-Class Patrol Boat valued at \$8 million, the USCGC KEY LARGO is one of the oldest cutters of its class serving decades beyond its designed service life. In his first year as Commanding Officer, he flawlessly executed a short-fused \$250K emergency dry dock, meticulously planned and met the rigorous operational targets set for his unit, struck a delicate balance between crew fatigue and meeting operational demands while preserving unit cohesion and the welfare of his crew. Despite it all, LT Monteiro championed operations and training while managing an 80% crew turnover. He additionally achieved an impressive 49 shipboard qualifications for his crew in his first year and drove a 100% currency completion of 147 drills. A vital leadership skill LT Monteiro possesses is his natural ability to guide and mentor all those around him. ...With professional development and teamwork as two major tenets, he continuously demonstrated a strong commitment to future cuttermen in all aspects. Embracing talent-pool management and work force development, he mentored junior sailors in order for

them to plan and achieve their professional goals spanning from shipboard qualifications to career planning. This led to the completion of 30 individual development plans, four officer specialty codes and one member being selected for direct commissioning. Fostering an environment of genuine care for his crew, he held periodic pay-grade meetings to coach the crew through small unit challenges. Leading outside his unit, he was instrumental in coordinating with the District Women's Leadership Initiative and Sector's Leadership and Diversity Council to host the inaugural Non-rate Career Day. As a mustang officer and prior non-rate himself, he was able to provide our most junior members with mentoring and advice the ranged from enlisted employee review management, retirement and estate planning and commissioning sources. In total, this first of its kind event reached over 90 non-rates across the First Coast Guard District. The most glowing personal quality LT Monteiro possesses is his genuine care for his crew. Twice, when his aging cutter experienced multiple catastrophic casualties that were worsened by shipboard flooding, LT Monteiro's calming yet authoritative presence in the face of adversity epitomized the essence of command. It was during these crises, that his steady hand and adroit leadership earned him the trust and respect of his crew and chain of command. Further cementing his stature at the unit, LT Monteiro even found time to spearhead a holiday toy drive by acquiring gifts from within his crew and their families to make an impact in the Gloucester community. This pursuit of inclusion and excellence earned him the title as the "Pride of Gloucester" within the second largest commercial fishing community in New England. Prioritizing health and well-being within the cutter's daily routine, he additionally negotiated with local gyms to provide discounted memberships for crews during rising inflation and prolonged periods away-from-homeport that began to seem rather routine for the crew. He even modeled his own commitment to an active lifestyle and personally led morning team sport sessions and after-hours group workouts, which turned out to be a crew favorite and contributed to the unit's 100% passing rate of the physical fitness exam and semi-annual weigh-ins.... He embodies the ideal combination of contagious enthusiasm, initiative, excellence, and the best kind of compassion for the women and men of the Coast Guard.