

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. **(Note no August issue)**

USS NANTUCKET (LCS 27)

Coming Events: (contingent upon Covid-19)

October 13: Navy Birthday

November 29: Annual Meeting (on ZOOM)



START NOW!

Your donation to the Marine Toys for Tots Program is critical. The mission is to make sure that ALL children experience the magic of Christmas EVERY year. We have been warned that there will be a **toy shortage this year** and this means starting our collection right away. Your gift will make a tremendous impact for less fortunate children.

Donate Today

Your Gift Helps Us Get A Crucial Head Start On Christmas. Send a check for us to purchase or you may deliver or arrange for pickup any toys or games.

Last year, your generosity donating items (or cash for us to purchase) resulted in over \$7000 worth for the Marine Toys for Tots program.

Make checks payable to "MBC, NLUS" and mail to: Mass. Bay Council, P.O. Box 51662, Boston, MA 02205. Toys and games may be delivered to our pickup location at 169 Park St., Newton, or call 617-969-6656 to arrange for pickup.



Nantucket was launched into the Menominee River in Wisconsin and was christened August 7th.

Commissioning is planned for Boston early 2023.

Homeport will be Mayport, Florida.

"The future USS Nantucket will be the third U.S. Navy ship commissioned to honor the maritime history and spirit of Nantucket," then-acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Harker said in a statement. "I have no doubt the Sailors of USS Nantucket (LCS 27) will carry on the proud legacy from generations past in preserving sea lanes, countering instability, and maintaining our maritime superiority."

The first Nantucket ship, an 'ironclad', was involved in attacking Confederate forts in Charleston Harbor on April 7, 1863, and performed blockade duty around Charleston the following year. The second Nantucket ship, wooden, was acquired by the Navy in 1917 was responsible for safeguarding waters near Nantucket Shoals from U-boats during WWI.

[Sources include NAVY TIMES and Lockheed Martin]

The ship's Crest was unveiled on Sept. 20 at the Nantucket Historical Association Whaling Museum by PCO Commander Kari Yakubisin, USN.

The Massachusetts Bay Council's Commissioning Committee is being chaired by Robert Gerosa, CDR, USN (Ret), who was C.O., USS Constitution 2015-2017.



Prospective Commanding Officer CDR Kari Yakubisin, USN, unveiling the crest at the Nantucket Historical Association (Whaling Museum) on Sept. 20.

[USS Nantucket (cont'd)]



(L to r) Bob Monahan Commissioning Committee, Matt Dwyer, Great Harbor Yacht Club, Bob Gerosa, Chairman, Commissioning Committee, CDR Kari Yakubisin, PCO, Cece Fowler, Commodore, GHYC, and Tom Hennessey Commissioning Committee.

USS *Thomas Hudner* (DDG-116) News



USS THOMAS HUDNER deployed from Mayport, Fla., on January 2, 2021, and has since operated in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Black Sea, Arabian Sea and the Baltic Sea. It was the ship's first visit to Naval Base Kiel, Germany, on June 20, 2021, after participating in BALTOPS 50. She returned to Naval Station Mayport on July 17.

SEA CADETS

The David G. Ouellet Div.



The Division provided the Color Guard for the opening ceremony of the Harvest Music Festival and helped the vendors set up their tents. This event was a fund raiser for Addison Gilbert Hospital. With other Sea Cadet units provided parking duty for over 5,000 cars for the Pease AFB Air Show and also had an info booth. For the Gloucester Fish Box Derby, helped set up the racecourse and had an entry modeled after the USS Destroyer, David G. Ouellet and came in 3rd place out of over 20 entries.

Squadron Seven Zulu



US Naval Sea Cadets Color Guard Sep 5, 2021



Naval Sea Cadets CPO Academy July 2021

Sponsored by **Squadron 7 Zulu**, The Naval Sea Cadets CPO Academy is an advanced Sea Cadet leadership course. 35 top Sea Cadets in the program came from all over the country to participate and they join the crew in gun drills, pike drills, colors, and learn the history of the ship while spending the night aboard the oldest warship afloat. Sea Cadets from Squadron 7 Zulu performed color guard honors at the Medal of Honor and Sep 11th Memorial Day ceremonies at the Charlestown Navy Yard and at the Sept. 9th Red Sox game.

U.S. NSCC-Gosnold Division & T/S Patriot State



Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State hosted its annual Flagship Competition at Joint Base Cape Cod. Five Divisions from around New England participated and all did an excellent job. Normally this is a weekend long event but because of Covid restrictions, it was done in one day. The competitions were: Fire Fighting, Line Heaving, Military Drill, Morse Code, Signal Flag, Knot Tying, First Aid, Semaphore Signaling, and Honor Guard. Because of Covid and timing of the event, Markmanship and Unit Inspection were left out. Overall, Gosnold performed very well. BZ!!!!

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY are now welcome as Members of Navy League. They may join or you may give a gift membership at NAVYLEAGUE.ORG/BECOME-A-MEMBER.

Legislation: Tell Congress to Increase the Navy SCN Budget Now!

The Navy Shipbuilding and Conversion budget request in the FY22 President's Budget is a drastic departure from the guidance provided in the 2018 National Defense Strategy and from the advice of military leaders and strategic planners in the arena of maritime operations. The roughly \$23 billion dollars allocated in the budget request would eliminate an entire DDG-51 Flight III destroyer, breaking a multi-year procurement agreement and costing the Navy \$33 million in penalties. This is not only reckless, it is unnecessary.

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