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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:

**July 16 Coast Guard Op Center tour**

**July 31 Tour USCGC Eagle**

## Mass Bay Council Honors Sea Cadet Leader



On Saturday, May 14, the Massachusetts Bay Council held a luncheon honoring LCDR Genevieve Guimond, NSCC, for her forty-two years of leadership and support of The Naval Sea Cadet Corps and other youth programs in New England. Delayed two years due to Covid, the luncheon was held in The John Carver Inn, Plymouth, near Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower.,

Several attendees paid tribute to her and reminisced about her contributions as a role model and guide for cadets. She was praised as a “Superstar” who was a ready volunteer in support of the Sea Cadets and the Navy League, as well as making several major contributions to the NSCC program. She was a ready volunteer whenever the need arose. Mrs. Guimond was instrumental in establishing the League Cadet Summer Orientation Programs and ran the Boot Camps for many years. She provided Escort Duty for Sea Cadet trips to Nova Scotia, England and Japan and was always ready to step in when help was needed.

Her unit, T.S. Wasp tied as #1 in the nation in 1992 and it was presented The Morgan L. Fitch, Jr. Award. In addition, she was the recipient of the Navy League’s prestigious Nicholas Brango Award as the Outstanding Officer in the Sea Cadet Program.

Event Chairman, LCDR James McLaughlin, NSCC, Commanding Officer, Gosnold Division, and a council Vice President, is also a Nicholas Brango Awardee.

*(Mass Bay Honors cont’d)*

Attending were Guimond family members, including Genevieve’s namesake Granddaughter who traveled from Montreal, several Sea Cadet leaders and Navy Leaguers.

Following the tributes, former National V.P. Ivan Samuels and council V.P. Jim McLoughlin presented the coveted Navy League Scroll of Honor to LCDR Guimond.

Genevieve Elizabeth Guimond, mother of seven children, four of which were in the Sea Cadet Program, was commissioned an Officer in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps in January 1976. She was appointed Commanding Officer of Training Ship Wasp in 1982 and served until 1999 when she became an Associate Regional Director. She also served as C.O, Falcon Division, while searching for a new Commanding Officer. In addition to her Sea Cadet involvement, she was a major asset for the Massachusetts Bay Council by her liaison with and inspecting eight sponsored Sea Cadet units and making Youth Awards to Sea Cadets and JROTC cadets in Massachusetts.

**The success of the Navy League Cadet Corps program in the New England Region was due in large measure to her initiative, administrative ability, and her inspirational leadership. LCDR Genevieve Guimond’s contributions are unparalleled.**

## 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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## USS Preble (DDG 88), one of “our own” ships embarrassed by C.O.



Amongst seven commanding officers fired within a two-week span, **Cmdr. Peter Lesaca**, C.O. of USS Preble (DDG 88), was fired June 14, “due to loss of confidence in his ability to command,” the Navy said. **A Navy spokesman later said Lesaca was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.**

*[Navy commanding officers are held to high standards of personal and professional conduct. They are expected to uphold the highest standards of responsibility, reliability and leadership, and the Navy holds them accountable when they fall short of those standards].*

USS Preble (DDG 88) was commissioned 9 November 2002 during a ceremony at the Commonwealth Pier/World Trade Center. Preble was docked [bow](#) to bow with [USS Constitution](#), the command of her namesake.

The ceremony included a symbolic welcoming aboard of the spirit of Commodore Preble signaled by the ringing of chimes. Among the speakers at the commissioning were U.S. Senator [Edward Kennedy](#), U.S. Rep. [Stephen Lynch](#), then [Chief of Naval Operations](#) Admiral [Vernon E. Clark](#) USN (Ret.) and journalist and sailor [Walter Cronkite](#). The Mass Bay Council sponsored the commissioning and many members served on the Commissioning Committee (Chaired by Ivan Samuels and assisted by Tom Hennessey and other NL members).



At the **Mass Maritime Academy**

Commencement on 18 June, Bill Kelley presented the US Navy sword to ENS Jack McKenna Ananis. ENS Alanis of Leonardtown, MD received his BS in Marine Engineering cum Laude and has received orders to Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL for Flight Training.

## SEA CADETS



### Constitution Division.

Jim McLoughlin, Council V.P., presented the Navy Leagues’ Theodore Roosevelt Medal to Outstanding Sea Cadet Rebekah DeOliveria while Commanding Officer LCDR Alfred D McMullen, Jr. looks on. Also awarded was the Medal to the outstanding League Cadet, Sarah DeOliveria. [The Theodore Roosevelt Medal was also distributed to several N&MCJROTC units for their own presentations.]

Regular meetings were conducted on Monday nights. Cadets also attended a one day outdoor survival school in Saugus and conducted two PT testings this month.

### Squadron 7-Zulu (Quincy)

Unit activity included two Open Houses via Zoom to meet 6 interested candidates; provided the Color Guard at the Milton American Legion Post 114 on 5/21 for a ceremony; provided escort and guide support for the USS SALEM hosting of an international Paranormal Activity convention on 5/21 and 5/22; tested underwater vehicles we've been building; participated in the Quincy Memorial Day Parade; and used the Rappel tower at Camp Edwards. Our Command Chief, Gregor Guempel accepted an appointment to the USAF Academy.

### Gosnold Division (Cape Cod)

Continued bi-weekly drills at Camp Edwards; Held an information booth in conjunction with "Service Academy Night" at MMA; participated in Memorial Day events and had a recruiting booth on Sunday the 29th; conducted two drills in support of the Cape Cod Symphony. Awards Presentation and Graduation of 12 cadets June 18, at Camp Edwards.

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## How to get a Member? Ask him or her!

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