



Spring 2022

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:

May 15. Recognition Luncheon to honor LCDR Genevieve Guimond, NSCC (Ret).

July 29-31 USCGC Eagle. Tour TBD

Navy League Council Awards

The Mass. Bay Council was notified it received the **Meritorious Council Award** for its 2021 programs and activities and, also, a **Silver Mackie Award** for our newsletter THE SHIP'S WHISTLE.

Decommissioning planned for USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)



USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)



USS Sampson (DDG 102)

The [Navy](#) announced that **USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)** is one of the cruisers that it wants to decommission as part of the latest budget proposal. The others are USS Mobile Bay (CG-53), USS San Jacinto (CG-56), USS Lake Champlain (CG-57) and USS Vicksburg (CG-69).

Bunker Hill was commissioned in Boston in 1986 near USS Constitution with some 11,000 attendees seated on two piers facing the ship moored to the pier ends. The Commissioning Committee was Chaired by Bill Kelley, then Region Pres. and later a Nat'l Pres., NLUS.

Commissioned in Boston in 2006, **USS Sampson (DDG 102)** recently passed through the 100 mile-wide waterway between Taiwan and China demonstrating the United States' commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific despite Chinese protests.

DONATE AT NO COST TO YOU while shopping at Amazon. Go to: [SMILE.AMAZON.COM/CH/04-2783171](https://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2783171) to confirm "Navy League of the United States Massachusetts Bay".

Navy and Marine Corps JROTCs AWARDS

Cadets receiving the Navy League's **Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal**, recognizing the unit's Cadet of the Year, were given at the following high schools: Haverhill, Fall River, Beverly, Quabbin, Montachusets, Oxford, N. Worcester, B.M.C Durfee and Gloucester. The Medal is also given at the several Sea Cadet units.

Navy Swords and books presented at MIT and Holy Cross NROTCs



Past Council President Steve Schnitzer presented a Navy sword to Battalion C.O. Midshipman 1/C Sydney Kirby for "Outstanding Leadership Performance", Holy Cross '22. Co-incidentally, at the ceremonies, Board Member John Tata presented a scholarship award for "Outstanding College Program Student" to Midshipman 4/C John McGeever, Holy Cross '25.



At M.I.T., Pres. Tom Hennessey, along with Steve Schnitzer presented a Navy sword to MIDN 1C John Costello, Boston, College, going to Flight School in Pensacola, and the book "The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors" to Mid'n 3/C Ryan Tierney and Mid'n 4C Jasmine Zhang both at M.I.T.

How to get a Member? Ask him or her!

AWARDS AT USS CONSTITUTION



Pres. Hennessey presented Senior Sailor of the Year to NC1 Kyle Marchese Bluejacket of the Year to AN Megan Kearns, and Sailor of the Year to AO2 Jennifer Jordan. Each received a Certificate and a cash reward.

SEA CADETS

Gosnold Div. and Training Ship Patriot State at Lexington on Patriots' Day. The ceremony, that Gosnold and TS Patriot State participated in, remembered all the Naval Vessels named U.S.S Lexington through history. Five in all, ending with the aircraft carrier Lexington (the Gray Ghost). She was badly damage in the Battle of Coral Sea in WWII and was scuttled so that the enemy would not take her. Gosnold Division and TS Training Patriot State were asked to lay the wreaths next to each marker for the five ships and provide an Honor Guard and raise the National Ensign at the beginning of the ceremony. The Ceremony was followed by the Lexington Parade in which the cadets looked amazing and true professionals. BZ to Gosnold and Patriot State.



OBITUARIES

ROBERT V. "Bob" Crowley, Council President 1994-95, passed away on April 16. Navy veteran, he worked his entire career in sales with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. until his retirement.

John J. Griffin A Member of the MBC for over 30 years, he and his wife Sheila attended many functions. A Captain, USNR(Ret) who some of us knew from the Reserve and Recruiting District Assistance Council, his civilian career was in education in Hull, Hanover and Westwood as Chmn of the Science Dept. for 20 yrs. In lieu of flowers, contributions were made to the council for youth programs

Regional Flagship Competitions

Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State had an amazing weekend at the. TS Patriot taking first place and Gosnold take 2nd place in the overall score. Flagship has multiple events (Line Heaving, Fire Fighting, Military Drill, Honor Guard, Semaphore, Morse Code, Signal Flag, Knot tying, Marksmanship, Uniform Inspection, and First Aid/Stretcher). Saturday night the units had liberty with a Dance and Bowling event. Also participating were NCBC Division, Dealey Division, Nautilus (SSN-571) Division, TS Walter Boll, TS Nathan Hale, and TS George MacIntyer.



LCDR Jim McLoughlin presenting awards to winners.

Squadron 7-Zulu drilling aboard USS Salem in April had Emergency Medical training by Navy Corpsman HM1 Tyndall & HM2 Kerchel and 'pinning' two new NSCC Chief Petty Officers Desmarais and Illarinov



The Ship's Whistle is published by The Massachusetts Bay Council, Navy League of the U.S., 25 Dorchester Ave., P.O. Box 51662, Boston, MA 02205. To be removed from this mailing list, contact: Editor: Ivan Samuels at go2navy@verizon.net.