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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 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.

SEA CADETS

Awards Luncheon

On May 6, the Council hosted an Awards Luncheon in the Commandant's House, Nat'l Park Service Boston Naval Shipyard. Cadets, their parents and Navy League members applauded recipients of Annual Awards given from among the six units the Council sponsors. Council President Tom Hennessey presented the awards. V.P. Jim McLoughlin EMCEE'd.



The **LCDR Richard Pollis, NSCC, Leader of the Year Award** was presented to **LTJG Michael Mulcahey, NSCC**, *“who consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership skills which motivated and inspired Sea Cadets in the David G. Ouellet Division to strive for excellence. By applying his U.S. Navy experience to their several Sea Cadet training requirements and also making important contributions to the unit's Sea Perch Project, LTJG Mulcahy set an outstanding example for the cadets to emulate.”*

This Award is named in honor of LCDR Richard Pollis, NSCC, who worked with the Naval Sea Cadets for forty years and commanded Squadron Seven Zulu for many of them. He led an outstanding unit and was instrumental in establishing ties to the Canadian Sea Cadets and escorting the unit several times to Canada.



The **RADM Raymond R. Couture Sea Cadet of the Year Award** was presented to **CPO Samuel Rodriguez, NSCC**. The award reads: *“CPO Rodriguez is an outstanding leader in the Ouellet Division. With a near-perfect attendance record for the past five years, his work ethic, concentration and ambition earned him promotions up to becoming the very first Chief Petty Officer the Division has had for many years. He readily assumes command and is adept at mentoring new Cadets and instructing them in the many Sea Cadet requirements.”*

This Award is named in honor of RADM Raymond R. Couture, USN(Ret) who provided outstanding support for the Naval Sea Cadet Corps over many years while a National Navy League Vice President and as a President and Director of the Massachusetts Bay Council.



In addition, the Theodore Roosevelt Medal, established to honor those cadets who best exemplified Roosevelt's values of energy, spirit, competition and fair play was presented to Sea Cadets **PO1 Daniel Desmarais, Squadron 7-Zulu** and **PO3 William Harding, Gosnold Division** and League Cadets **Lincoln Renaud, T/S Patriot State** and **Alise Attachi, David G. Ouellet Division**

Flagship Competition at Camp Edwards, Joint Base Cape Cod, MA, 28-30 April.

For thirty-one years Sea Cadet Regions have held a **Flagship Competition Event**, the purpose of which is to encourage the acquisition of Sea Cadet skills and knowledge by providing cadets with an opportunity for their efforts to be recognized in a friendly, yet competitive manner, to increase unit cohesion through team play, to provide both cadets and officers with an opportunity to build relationships and develop camaraderie and to increase the exposure of the Sea Cadet program within the community.

This three-day event includes competition between units in the Region in events such as MORSE CODE, SEMAPHORE SIGNALLING, HEAVING LINE, FIREFIGHTING, FIRST AID SKILLS, AND MARKSMANSHIP, KNOT TYING AND SIGNAL FLAG RECOGNITION.

Mass Bay Council assists Coast Guard Commissioning



USCGC Warren

Deyampert (WPC-11510) was brought into Commission 30 March on a sunny but thirty degree and windy day. Originally scheduled for another port, it was changed with short notice to Coast Guard Base Boston and the Mass Bay Council was asked to assist. Council Board member Reid Oslin took on Chairing the Commissioning Committee. Several Council Members attended the event.

The Commissioning of USS Nantucket (LCS 27) in Boston has been postponed to early 2024.

USS MASSACHUSETTS (SSN 798)

On May 6, the Virginia-class submarine USS Massachusetts (SSN 798) was Christened at Newport News Shipbuilding. Commissioning is several years away. The boat is the second submarine in the Virginia-class built specifically for mixed-gender crews.

CPA. We need a Certified Auditor willing to work pro bono on the Council's books. Contact Tom Hennessey at tomhjr@gmail.com.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS



Coast Guard

District One Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY)

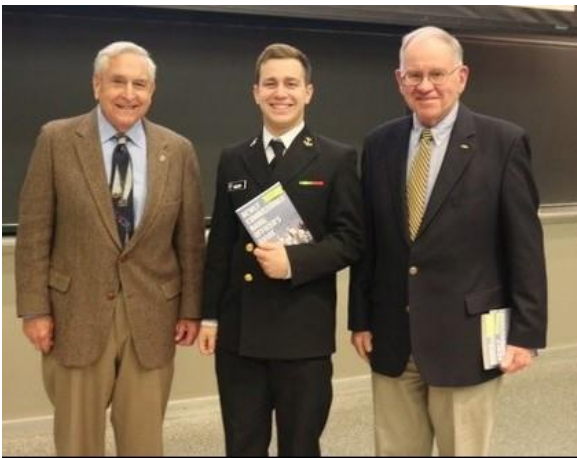
(on left) SK1 Jose A. Nogueras and Reserve EPOY MST1 Andrew J. Vinard Awards were presented by Mass Bay Council Pres. Tom Hennessey at Base Boston on March 10.



We were pleased to have Medal of Honor recipient CAPT Thomas Kelley, USN(Ret) represent the Council at the College of the Holy Cross in awarding a sword to MIDN 1/C Cameron Lloyd as unit C.O. Captain Marvin Carlin, USN, looks on.

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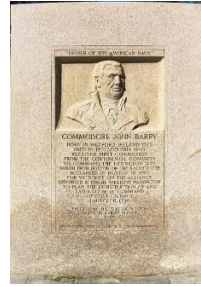
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Council President Tom Hennessey (on left) and Past Pres. Stephen Schnitzer presented a sword to MIDN 1/C Ava J. Remler from Boston University, part of the Boston NROTC Consortium. MIDN Remler is a Surface Navy (Nuclear Option) and will report to the USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115) in Yokosuka, Japan.

[photo below] Pres. Hennessey and Stephen Schnitzer presented a collectible book to MIDN 4/C Lucas Martin from Harvard University, part of the Boston NROTC Consortium. (Note: Harvard and Tufts midshipmen participate at M.I.T. and many swords are presented so The Mass Bay Council is limited to present a different form of recognition to outstanding midshipmen.)

HOW TO GET A MEMBER? ASK HIM OR HER.



Commodore John Barry

Plaque on Boston Common

John Barry has been credited as being "The Father of the American Navy". The plaque text reads:

“Father of the American Navy

Commodore John Barry Born in Wexford Ireland 1745. Died in Philadelphia 1803. Received First Commission From the Continental Congress To Command the Lexington 1775. Sailed from Boston on the Raleigh 1778. Acclaimed in Boston in 1780 For Victories on the Alliance. Appointed in 1794 By President Washington To Plan the Construction of And Later to be in Command Of First U.S. Navy Launched 1798 Erected by the City of Boston James M Curley Mayor 1949 Tablet restored by the George B. Henderson Foundation, 1976”

[Note: In need of repair and maintenance, The Mass Bay Council made a contribution to the Boston Foundation’s Adopt a Statue Fund in 1987].

The Jones Act

Members were asked to write their congressman and the national email Rapid Response Campaign received massive support from advocates like you! A big victory for Navy League advocates as we helped defeat a proposed amendment that would have weakened the Jones Act. The proposed amendment to the Coast Guard Authorization Act would have created a waiver program allowing foreign vessels to usurp the operations of American vessels. [*Can you imagine Chinese, Russian or even North Korean ships having free access up the Mississippi?]*

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