



# COMPASS POINTS

Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council of the Navy League US

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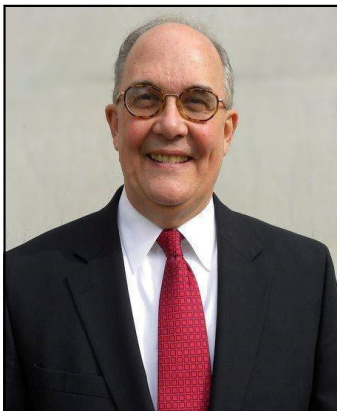
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## 2015 ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### Area Sea Cadets Receive Highest Attainable Rank



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dan Saieed*

We look forward to the next meeting on Feb. 19th with the new President, Directors and Officers installation and the speaker, Rear Admiral Davis.

Dear Navy League,

This will be the last time I write you as President. We are so lucky to have Ron Galante as the incoming President.

Our Officers and Directors have worked very hard this year to meet our mission goals. Please review the 2014 Annual Report for the specifics on that. I hope the copies of the newsletter and annual report will be a way for you to invite friends and associates to be a member of the Navy League. I want to personally thank all the Officers and Directors this year, especially Sandy McMillan and Patty Parks who have been so helpful to me with the duties as President!

Fire in the hole,

Dan Saieed

#### Happy Birthday

to the men and women of the



United States  
Coast Guard  
Reserve

*Thanks for your  
service to our country.*

#### RADM W. KENT DAVIS, USNR, TO SPEAK AT FEBRUARY 19th WINTER DINNER MEETING



*Rear Admiral W. Kent Davis, USNR*

Rear Admiral W. Kent Davis, USNR, Vice Chief of Information, will be our guest speaker at our Council's next dinner meeting Thursday, February 19, 2015, in the Centennial Hall at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, 1400 Market Street, Chattanooga.

Prior to his current assignment, the Alabama native served as Director, Navy Reserve Chief of Information Headquarters, where he was mobilized to Afghanistan in 2012 to serve as director of Public Affairs for Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435. He has also been assigned to U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida; USCENTCOM Forward Headquarters in Qatar, and director of Navy Reserve Office of Information U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa / U.S. 6th Fleet in Atlanta.

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**Make Plans Now To Attend  
Winter Dinner Meeting  
Chattanooga Choo-Choo  
Centennial Hall**

# RADM W. KENT DAVIS, USNR

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In his civilian career, Rear Admiral Davis serves as deputy superintendent for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. The center is the nation's only weapons of mass destruction training facility for civilians. Prior to his current position, Davis worked as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2002-2014. Rear Admiral Davis' complete biography is in this edition of *Compass Points*.

In addition to Rear Admiral Davis' presentation, we will also elect and install our 2015 Officers and Board Members. The slate of Officers and Board Members appeared in the previous edition of *Compass Points* and also appears in this edition. Nominations will be entertained from the floor, but please ensure you have the person's permission to nominate him or her. The Signal Mountain Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps will provide the Color Guard.

The evening's program, registration form, and address and phone number for making reservations are located on the last page. The deadline for reservations is February 18, 2015. Mark Parks will coordinate the dinner reservations for this meeting. You may mail or phone in your reservations to Mark. The charge for the dinner is \$30 per person in advance or \$35 at the door. If you phone in your reservations, please mail your check in time to reach Mark no later than February 18th to ensure you get the advance reservation rate.

**This is our first meeting in the Centennial Hall, so please note the change of venue.** As you enter the Chattanooga Choo-Choo complex, please notice a large, glass-front building to the left. Centennial Hall is located on the right side of this building. While there are a few parking spaces in front of the building, additional parking is available further toward the back of the complex. The Choo-Choo will provide transportation from your car to Centennial Hall upon request.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO PRESENT YOUTH MEDALS

As mentioned in our last issue of *Compass Points*, for the past several years we have presented the Teddy Roosevelt Youth Medal to our outstanding Sea Cadets, League Cadets, and NJROTC Cadet at the April Dinner Meeting.

This year, on Thursday, April 9, 2015, none other than President Teddy Roosevelt, himself, will present the medals. Look for further details in future editions of *Compass Points*.

**MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR  
CALENDAR NOW!**

## Election and Installation of Officers

2015



The following slate of Officers and Directors for 2015 is presented to the membership. We will vote on and install the officers and directors at the February 19, 2015 Winter Dinner Meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor. If you intend to nominate someone from the floor, you should secure his or her permission prior to making your nomination:

President	Ron Galante
Vice President	Patty Parks
Secretary	Larson Mick
Treasurer	Mark Parks
Judge Advocate	Jim Fields
Director	Mickey McCamish
Director	Gary Meyer
Director	John Niemeyer

Positions which do not require a membership vote:

Immediate Past President	Dan Saieed
Director Emeritus/Founder	Jack Spittler



# A DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Rear Admiral W. Kent Davis assumed the duties as vice chief of Information in October 2013. Prior to his current role, he served in several positions, most recently as director, Navy Reserve Chief of Information Headquarters, located at the Pentagon. During his tenure as the unit director, he was mobilized to Afghanistan in 2012, serving as director of Public Affairs for Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435.

Davis, a native of Alabama, graduated from Louisiana State University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. In 1998, Davis earned his Juris Doctor degree graduating with magna cum laude honors from Georgia State University.

Commissioned as a supply corps officer in 1986 through the Navy's Officer Candidate School, Davis' initial active-duty assignments include tours as assistant supply officer aboard the battleship USS Missouri (BB 63), and aviation supply officer at Naval Air Station Atlanta. Subsequently, Davis also served as a gun director officer for the five and 16-inch guns aboard the Missouri, deploying to the Persian Gulf for Operation Earnest Will and to the Northern Pacific in support of Cold War operations.

In 1992, Davis was selected for transfer to the public affairs designator. He served as assistant public affairs officer at Commander, Naval Base San Francisco, and then as the public affairs officer (PAO) aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). As the Lincoln's PAO, he deployed to the Persian Gulf for Operation Southern Watch, and to Somalia the same year in support of United Nations peacekeeping missions. In 1994, Davis transferred to the Navy Reserve and was assigned to the Navy Office of Information Southeast in Atlanta.

Davis returned to active duty in 1999 via an interservice transfer to the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He was an honor graduate of the Army Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course. At the rank of major, he served as trial counsel and administrative law attorney in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Reserve Command, and then as ethics counselor at the U.S. Army Forces Command located at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Upon discharge from the Army in 2001, Davis returned to the Navy Reserve. He has since served as executive of-

ficer of Navy Information Bureau Detachment 108 in Atlanta; executive officer of the Naval Media Center Reserve unit in Washington; an individual mobilization augmentee (IMA) at U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, and at USCENTCOM Forward Headquarters in Qatar; director of Navy Reserve Office of Information U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa / U.S. 6th Fleet in Atlanta; an IMA at U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk; and director of Navy Reserve Chief of Information Headquarters. He is a graduate of basic and senior PAO courses at The Defense Information School.

In his civilian career, Davis serves as the deputy superintendent for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. The center is the nation's only weapons of mass destruction training facility for civilians. Prior to his current position, Davis worked as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2002-2014.



## LOCAL SEA CADETS ACHIEVE HIGHEST RANK



*Lt Stacy Kehoe, Commanding Officer of Signal Mountain Division and Hurricane Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, proudly announces newly pinned Chief Petty Officers, the highest attainable rank in the Sea Cadet Corps. To be eligible for Chief, one must spend a minimum of thirty-three months in the program, attend designated advanced training evolutions, satisfactorily complete all coursework, and pass three written exams. Pictured (L/R): Chief Petty Officer Sherwood "Drew" Dudley, IV of Signal Mountain Division; Chief Petty Officer Jordan Kent of Hurricane Division; and Chief Petty Officer Hunter Vespie of Signal Mountain Division. BZ to all three.*

# 2014 Annual Report



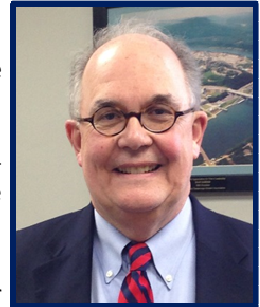
## Council President's Comments

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the John J. Spittler Navy League of the U.S. Greater Chattanooga Council, we are very pleased to present for your review our 2014 Annual Report.

The Navy League has three missions: to enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families; inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines that expose young people to the values of our sea services.

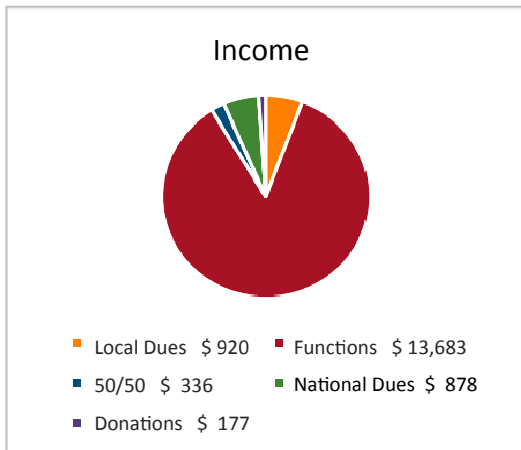
We have three important missions that I believe make our Council a leader with accomplishments that help define our services to active duty personnel, advocacy to legislative bodies and support our great youth programs that expresses to them the values of our sea services. As you can see, our 2014 functions and accomplishments met and exceeded our goals.

In addition to continuing our three primary missions, we have assumed the additional initiative of building our membership. Our challenge is simple: For each member to find one new member. Please share this report with your friends and associates and invite them to be part of our organization!

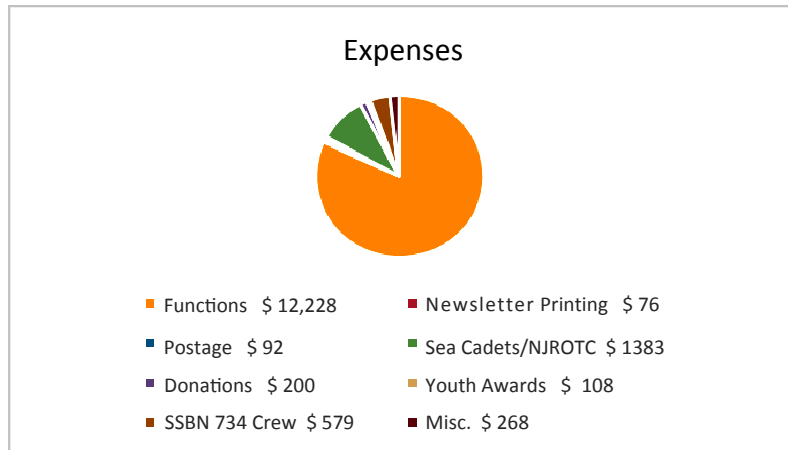


*Dan Saleed*  
 Dan Saleed, President  
 John J. Spittler/Greater Chattanooga Council  
 Navy League of the United States

## Financial Highlights



Total Income: \$ 15,994



Total Expenses: \$ 14,934

## 2014 Functions

The Council brought members closer together by hosting seven events. Highlights include:

January: A contingent of 29 Navy Leaguers and guests traveled to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia for a visit with the crew of USS  
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Tennessee (SSBN 734). Council visitors were treated to tours of the Boat by the Blue Crew and the Trident Training facility which is one of the largest government buildings in the country. Visitors and crew gathered afterward at Millhouse Steak House where plaques were presented to Crew members.

February: A presentation by Nikki Berger, P.E., Navigation Program Manager for TVA and Chris Dager, Economist, UT Center for Transportation Research, on the operation of TVA's multipurpose reservoir system, the economic impact of the Tennessee River on Chattanooga and security in today's maritime transportation industry.



April: An awards banquet which included presentation of the Teddy Roosevelt Youth Medal to outstanding members of the Howard Navy JROTC, Chattanooga Sea Cadet Division and Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Division.

June: A dinner and social in honor of eight visiting members of the USS Tennessee Blue Crew, including remarks by Blue Crew Commanding Officer, Commander John Howrey, and Blue Crew Chief of the Boat or "COB", Sonar Technician Submarine Senior Chief Stacy Hammann.



The crew was also treated to a tour of Chickamauga Battlefield and presented with complimentary passes to the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Riverbend Festival.

August: The annual dinner cruise on the Southern Belle Riverboat.

October: A book overview and signing by author and U.S. Marine Corps veteran George Derryberry.

December: The annual Holiday Party and dinner.

Council members also participated in several community sponsored events including: attending the February U.S. Navy Band concert; participating in May's Armed Forces Day Parade; touring the historic LST 325 during its week-long visit in September, attending and speaking at the Chattanooga Navy Ball and leading a Veterans' Day ceremony at Alexian Village retirement community.

## Youth Support

Greater Chattanooga Council sponsors three local youth organizations: Howard Navy JROTC, Chattanooga Sea Cadets Division and Signal Mountain Sea Cadets Division. Cadets are encouraged to excel through the presentation of awards to top achievers and for leadership. In 2014 the Council recognized five students for achievement.

Financial support for these units continued with monetary contributions totaling \$1630. The Chattanooga Unit Change of Command was attended by Council members to show support for their goals and accomplishments.



## Compass Points Newsletter

Compass Points is the Council's award-winning newsletter. Published bi-monthly, Compass Points is posted on the Council's website ([www.chattanooganavyleague.org](http://www.chattanooganavyleague.org)) and distributed via email. A black and white printed version of the newsletter is delivered by postal mail to some 25 members who do not have email.

Compass Points is a convenient link to our members providing Navy League news, upcoming events, interesting stories about Council members and photos that share the story of recent social events.





## *Holiday Fun, Food, Laughter & Surprises*



1. (L/R) Linda Huguelot ponders how many kisses are in the jar as Stacy Kehoe looks on.
2. (L/R) Sue Galante and Laurel Niemeyer.
3. (L/R) Nancy Patterson, Nancy and Tom McGrath.
4. (L/R) Vince Patterson, Ron Galante, and John Niemeyer.
5. (L/R) Becky Templeton, Sandy Gallagher, and Gary Meyer.





# Holiday Fun, Food, Laughter & Surprises



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6. (L/R) Mickey McCamish and Mark Parks.
7. (L/R) Gary Meyer, Becky Templeton.
8. (L/R) Richard and Nancy MacLean, Stacy Kehoe.
9. (L/R) Dick and Carol Lewallen, Willard Rice, Sandy McMillan, Linda Rice.
10. Ed Lusk (center) reveals he served in the U.S. Marine Corps.



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**Winter Dinner Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2015**  
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel  
Centennial Hall  
1400 Market Street  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

- 6:00 PM Social Time (Cash Bar)
- 6:30 PM Colors and Welcome (Members & Guests please take seats)
- 6:45 PM Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 PM Guest Speaker ~ Rear Admiral W. Kent Davis, USNR, Vice Chief of Information
- 8:30 PM Election and Installation of Officers
- 8:45 PM Announcements

**DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at right, for the February 19th Winter Dinner Meeting of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council.

Reservations may be **phoned** in to Mark Parks: 423-326-0839, **no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2015!**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2015**  
**WINTER DINNER MEETING RESERVATION FORM**

Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel  
Centennial Hall  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Buffet Dinner featuring 2 entrées, sides, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee:

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Please **PRINT** the names of all **guests** and **members**:

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Please mail reservation form and check, (made out to "NLUS Chattanooga"), to arrive by **Wednesday, February 18, 2015**, to:

Mark Parks  
6920 Sawtooth Drive  
Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894

**NOTE: People paying-at-the-door without Advance Reservations will be charged \$35.00 per person. REGRETTABLY, no-shows will be charged the full amount for dinner.**