



COMPASS POINTS

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

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services ~ U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Flag Merchant Marine

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TEDDY ROOSEVELT TO PRESENT YOUTH MEDAL AWARDS Rosie the Riveter Leads the Challenge



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ron Galante

Dear Navy League Members & Supporters:

This is the first time I am writing you as President of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council of the Navy League US (Chattanooga Navy League Council). I am greatly honored to serve as the president of the Chattanooga Navy League Council and I will do my best to help build upon the past efforts of the council to support a stronger sea service and to grow our membership. We should all thank Dan Saieed for serving as the president of the Chattanooga Navy League Council for the last two years and for his leadership and dedication exhibited during his term. As we enter 2015, we do so with a very strong complement of officers and directors to lead our Council.

The Council's February 19, 2015 dinner meeting was very



interesting, with Rear Admiral Kent Davis as our keynote speaker on the state of the Navy. Rear Admiral Davis helped those at the dinner develop a better understanding of the meaning of the Navy being Around the World, Around the Clock.

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SPEAKER THEODORE ROOSEVELT WILL BE HIGHLIGHT OF APRIL 9TH SPRING AWARD DINNER MEETING



Joe Wiegand

Our April dinner meeting will feature Joe Wiegand, who entertains audiences nationwide with his impersonation of President Theodore Roosevelt. As Teddy Roosevelt, Joe will share stories full of adventure, laughter, and inspiration as he recounts his life as a rancher, Rough Rider, naturalist, and father of six in the White House. He will also share the amazing tale of his youth as a frail boy who built his body and dedicated himself to the Strenuous Life and the Square Deal.

From bear hunts to the Panama Canal, from Africa to the Amazon, T.R.'s delightful stories come to life. As President of the U.S. and former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, T.R. encouraged the development of the Navy League in 1902.

At the conclusion of his address, T.R. will help present the Theodore Roosevelt Awards to our Sea Cadets, League

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**Make Plans Now To Attend
Spring Award Dinner Meeting
Chattanooga Choo-Choo
Roosevelt Room**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Many thanks to Patty Parks for organizing the meeting and dinner, and for personally escorting RADM Davis throughout the day which included a live interview with Brian Joyce on WGOW/102.3 Talk Radio.

As we look to the coming year, perhaps the greatest challenge for the Chattanooga Navy League Council is to reverse the slow decline in our membership. This negative trend has been going on for a number of years and is not a phenomenon unique to the Chattanooga Navy League Council. It is happening to national NLUS and other service and civic organizations as well.

To reverse this declining membership trend will take the efforts of ALL the members of the Chattanooga Navy League Council. The greatest asset of the Chattanooga Council is its members. Your help is needed to increase our membership. In the past, many members have joined our Council because one of the existing members requested that they join. National NLUS is asking each NLUS member to ask at least one person to join the NLUS. Dan Saieed has also made this request in the past as well. I also am asking you to help reinvigorate our membership numbers by doing even more:

- Generate interest in others to help support our Active duty personnel and their families, spread the word on the importance of strong Sea Services and the need for Kid (youth) programs that promote the values of sea services. These three goals form the basic mission of the Navy League. Perhaps an easy way to remember these points when you ask people to join the Navy League is to remember the mnemonic ASK.
- Invite prospective members to attend our next dinner meeting.
- Give them a Navy League application form (*page 6*).
- Ask them to join the Chattanooga Navy League Council and continue to ask them to join when they say they will think about it.
- Continue these efforts until at least one person joins the Chattanooga Navy League Council.

Actually doing the above may seem like a lot for you to do but we have members of our Council who do exactly these things and have greatly helped bring new members into our Council. If we can pro-actively engage in this type of support of the Navy League and our Council we have the opportunity to greatly increase our membership.

In addition, I am asking that each of you share with the Board other ways you feel could be effective for increasing our membership. You may just have an idea of your own or know of ways that other organizations have been successful in recruiting new members. Whatever your contribution is toward increasing our membership you can contact Gary Meyer our Membership Director at garymeyer@comcast.net, Mickey McGamish our Retention Director at mickey@riverbendfestival.com or e-mail me at rungalante@aol.com or call me at 423-595-5153 to share your thoughts. This will not be an easy task and it will take an ALL HANDS effort to grow our Chattanooga Navy League Council. I look forward to your help in achieving this critically important goal.

The Board will also be exploring ways to generate programs, events, etc. that will be of interest to our members and prospective members as well. A good example of one such program is represented by the nature of our next dinner meeting.

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. It is not common for an organization to have the person who encouraged the formation of that organization to address that organization 113 years after it was founded. Yet that is exactly what our April 9, 2015 dinner meeting will do. Please see more detailed information regarding registering for this meeting later in this **Compass Points** issue.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next dinner meeting on April 9, 2015.

Sincerely,

Ron Galante, President

HISTORY COMES TO LIFE



Joe Wiegand

Joe Wiegand is a political science graduate of The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, later serving as a graduate assistant at the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Joe has been named a Wilkins Scholar, a Harry S. Truman Scholar, and a Thomas J. Watson Fellow. At the pinnacle of a twenty-five year career in public policy and political campaigns, Joe began performing as Theodore Roosevelt in 2004.

In 2008, Joe; his wife, Jenny; daughter, Sam; and golden retriever, Faith, traveled across America in celebration of Theodore Roosevelt's 150th birthday and the final centennial year of TR's historic presidency. Performances at the

White House (George W. Bush) and TR's New York City birthplace highlighted the fifty-state adventure.

Joe has been featured as President Roosevelt in "The Men Who Built America" on the History Channel, served as the model for the newest TR sculpture at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, and has a feature role in "Wild America," a film about our national parks due in IMAX theaters in January 2016.

Today, the Wiegands live near San Diego, California. Joe is a twenty-four year member of Rotary International and a member of the National Association for Interpretation. Joe's performance tour is highlighted in summer by a daily matinee in Medora, North Dakota, host city of the Medora Musical and gateway to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Wiegand's national TR Tour is sponsored, in part, by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. Visit www.medora.com for more information.

WE CAN DO THIS!



GROW OUR COUNCIL.

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN.



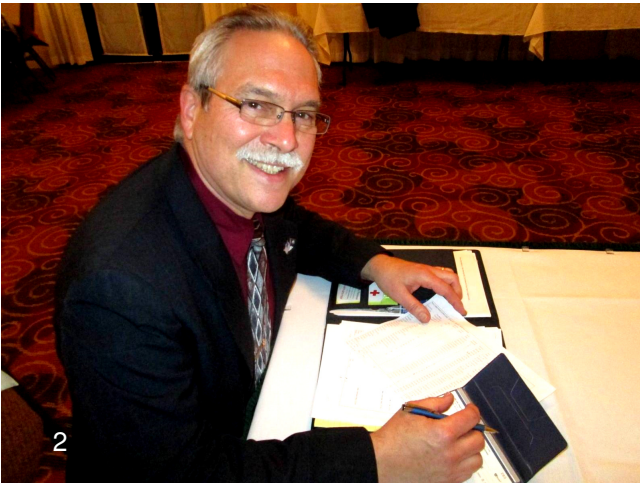
Pres. Theodore Roosevelt

APRIL 9th MEETING

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Cadets, and NJROTC Cadet of the year. Don't miss out on this opportunity to walk through history and honor our local youth. The dinner meeting will be held in the Roosevelt Room of the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, 1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN on April 9, 2015 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The evening's program and reservation form are located on the last page of **Compass Points**. The deadline for advance reservations is April 8, 2015 - \$30 per person for Navy League members and \$40 per person for non-members. Reservations made after that date or at the door will cost \$45 per person. The Choo-Choo will provide a courtesy cart to transport you from your car to the front door upon request.

FEBRUARY'S SOCIAL



1. Members Jean and RADM Bobby Crates, USNR (Retired) bundle up before heading home.
2. Treasurer Mark Parks knows no job is complete until the paperwork is done!
3. Guests LCDR Kevin West, US Navy Reserve, and his bride Carlene provide support to their long-time friend and guest speaker RADM Kent Davis, US Navy Reserve.
4. Dan Saieed, out-going president presents new President Ron Galante with his "President's" pin.
5. 2015 Officers and Directors (left to right): Vice President Patty Parks, President Ron Galante, Director John Niemeyer, Treasurer Mark Parks, Director Mickey McCamish and Director Gary Meyer (Not pictured: Secretary Larson Mick, Jr.).



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6. Past-President Sandy McMillan welcomes Dan Saieed to the "Past-President" ranks with an American flag which was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington DC at the request of Congressman Chuck Fleischmann.
7. Guests Lee and Mercedes Akers join their friend RADM Vance Fry, USNR (Retired).
8. Laurel Niemeyer and Sue Galante enjoy the chance to catch up with each other for a few relaxing moments.
9. Our Sea Cadet leadership: LT Stacy Kehoe (Signal Mountain Division) and LTJG Patrick and Angie Abercrombie (Chattanooga Division).
10. Members Dick Lewallen, Gary Meyer, Mickey McCamish.



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NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES



Membership Application

YES! PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A NAVY LEAGUER.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

- \$65 INDIVIDUAL 1-YEAR
 \$65 ASSOCIATE 1-YEAR (NON-U.S. CITIZEN)
 \$30 ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSE
 \$25 STUDENT
 \$117 JOINT HUSBAND/WIFE 1-YEAR (SAVE \$13)*
 \$117 INDIVIDUAL 2-YEAR (SAVE \$13)*
 \$175 INDIVIDUAL 3-YEAR (SAVE \$20)*
 \$500 LIFE (AGE 76 AND ABOVE)
 \$750 LIFE (AGES 56-75)
 \$1,000 LIFE (AGE 55 AND BELOW)

* OVER REGULAR 1-YEAR RATE

DONATION \$ _____

Your Dollars at work! Donations you make to the Navy League are tax-deductible and support programs like Sea Cadets, youth scholarships and Sea Services awards. The Navy League is a 501(c)(3) organization.

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

HOME PHONE _____

BUSINESS PHONE _____

SPONSOR'S LAST NAME _____

SPONSOR'S MEMBERSHIP # _____

PREFERRED COUNCIL* **Greater Chattanooga: John J. Spittler Council**

*If you request a specific Council, they will be notified of your request to join them, and will contact you soon.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

CHECK ENCLOSED (MAKE PAYABLE TO NLUS)

PLEASE CALL ME FOR PAYMENT INFORMATION

CHARGE MY: VISA MASTERCARD AMEX DISCOVER

BEST DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME ON CARD _____

CARD NUMBER _____

CVV2 _____

EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

The Navy League was founded in 1902 with a clear three-pronged mission: to support the members of the sea services and their families; to educate the American people and their elected leaders about the critical importance of sea power for their economic prosperity and national security; and to help build America's future through successful youth programs like the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Whether you ever served in uniform or not, we invite you to join us today. Our mission, "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services," reflects both our commitment and our broad appeal to everyone concerned with support for our men and women in uniform. Every day, 43,000 members in 245 councils around the world continue to carry our message to the public and support the men and women of our Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO:

NAVY LEAGUE
OF THE U.S.
PO BOX 1050
CHARLOTTE, NC
28201-9932

FAX TO
703-528-2333

CALL
800-356-5760

JOIN ONLINE
WWW.NAVYLEAGUE.ORG/JOIN_RENEW



Sea Cadets CPO Jordan Kent (Hurricane Division) and SN Callie Regal (Signal Mountain Division) braved the cold weather to present colors and each received a challenge coin from guest speaker RADM Kent Davis, US Navy Reserve.



Answer to previous Trivia Question: The Department of Defense owns 29,819,492 acres of land worldwide.

Question: Who is the largest employer in the United States?
Hint: This employer has more employees than Exxon, Mobil, Ford, General Motors, and GE combined.

The answer will be in the next issue of *Compass Points*, space permitting.



**“Do what you
can, with what you have,
where you are.”**

Theodore Roosevelt

2015 NLUS NATIONAL EVENTS



NAVY LEAGUE OF THE
UNITED STATES
NATIONAL CONVENTION

TAMPA, FLORIDA
JUNE 16 - 21, 2015



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Spring Dinner Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2015
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Roosevelt Room
1400 Market Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

- 5:30 PM Social Time (Cash Bar in adjacent lounge)
- 6:30 PM Welcome (Members & Guests please take seats)
- 6:35 PM Invocation, Colors, Pledge of Allegiance
- 6:45 PM Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 PM Guest Speaker ~ Joe Wiegand as Theodore Roosevelt
- 8:00 PM Student Awards Presentation
- 8:25 PM 50/50 Drawing and Announcements
- 8:30 PM Benediction

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at right, for the April 9th Spring Dinner Meeting of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council.

You may **phone** in or **email** reservations to Mark Parks at (423) 326-0839, or mparks@epbfi.com. Reservations should reach us **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015!**

APRIL 9, 2015
SPRING DINNER MEETING RESERVATION FORM
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Roosevelt Room, Chattanooga, TN 37402

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

Navy League Members	_____	x \$30.00	=	\$ _____ .00
Non-Members	_____	x \$40.00	=	\$ _____ .00

Please **PRINT** the **first** and **last** names of all attendees:

Please mail reservation form and check, (made out to "NLUS Chattanooga"), to ARRIVE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015!

Mark Parks
6920 Sawtooth Drive
Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894

NOTE: People paying at the door *without* Advance Reservations will be charged \$45.00 per person. **REGRETTABLY, no-shows will be charged the full amount for dinner.**