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MTN. VIEW FORD CONTINUES SUPPORT OF NLUS RALLY WITH US AT THE "AFTER WORK" SOCIAL



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ron Galante

Dear Navy League Members & Supporters:

Our last meeting held on April 9th was indeed very unique and interesting. Joe Wiegand entertained us with his impersonation of President Theodore Roosevelt. He stayed in character from the time he walked into the meeting room, throughout his presentation and until he left. There was a lot to learn about the man who encouraged the formation of the Navy League, and Joe Wiegand provided historical information in a very anecdotal entertaining manner.

I am sure it was a unique experience for the 2015 recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medals to be awarded their medals by "Theodore Roosevelt."

It is also interesting to note that Jack Spittler, in his ever ongoing attempt to sign up new members, made sure that Joe Wiegand filled out his application to join the Navy League.

Our next get together is a no-reservation required after-work social at the Brewhaus on Thursday, June 18, 2015. Please see additional information about this event later in this newsletter.

We have been in contact with the Chief of the Boat

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Outstanding Cadets Honored at April Dinner Meeting

Five local cadets were awarded the Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal during our April Council Dinner Meeting. Joe Wiegand, nationally acclaimed for his rendition of Teddy Roosevelt, presented the awards. "TR Joe," as he is often called, presented each cadet with the military-style medal and certificate along with a firm handshake including President Roosevelt's trademark exclamation, "Bully!" The medal is awarded annually to youth who have shown exemplary performance.

This year's recipients were Chattanooga Division Sea Cadet of the Year, Seaman Jordan Schone of East Ridge; Signal Mountain Division Sea Cadet of the Year, Petty Officer First Class Lee Nagle of Signal Mountain; Hurricane Division Sea Cadet of the Year, Chief Petty Officer Xander Kehoe of Chattanooga; Signal Mountain Division League Cadet of the Year, Apprentice Cadet Chad Waye of Signal Mountain, and Hurricane Division League Cadet of the Year, Seaman Recruit Alexander Piercy of Chattanooga.

TR Joe's presentation earlier in the evening recounted stories of President Roosevelt's youth, his introduction to politics and his interest in conservation and preservation through the establishment of national parks, forests, monuments and wildlife preserves.

Speaking as President Roosevelt, Joe's unique presentation style brought the adventurous tales to life with laughter and inspiration. Particularly motivating was the common thread he wove throughout the evening reminding his audience of President Roosevelt's refusal to give up when faced with the difficulties and hardships life often brings.

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(COB) of the Gold crew of the USS Tennessee (SSBN 734) regarding another visit to the boat later this summer and for a visit by the Gold crew to a Chattanooga Navy League meeting. If you recall, the Blue crew of the USS Tennessee hosted our last visit to the boat in January 2014 and later that year visited us at one of our dinner meetings. Both our visit to the boat in Kings Bay and the crew's visit to Chattanooga were very interesting. Now we are hoping to become better acquainted with the members of the Gold crew via a visit to the boat and the Gold crew's visit to Chattanooga. Many of those who visited the boat in January 2014 are eager for a return visit, and those who were not able to make the first trip will get another opportunity to experience a guided tour on the USS Tennessee, the most powerful warship in the world.

I look forward to seeing you and any prospective new members at the Brewhaus social on June 18.

Regards,

Ron Galante, President



Answer to previous Trivia Question: The largest employer in the United States is the Department of Defense.

Question: Where did the term "Leatherneck" originate?

Answer will be posted in the next issue of **Compass Points**, space permitting.



Rally with us at the Brewhaus for an "after-work" social Thursday, June 18, 2015. No reservations necessary! Just drop in between 5 pm & 7 pm for fun, food and fellowship with other Navy Leaguers. Better yet – bring a "potential" member!

Located on the north shore at 224 Frazier Avenue, Brewhaus serves authentic German cuisine in a casual setting coupled with an array of craft "bier" on tap. Bottled domestic beers are also available. Even if you don't care for beer, consider stopping by to enjoy the view from the Brewhaus' deck while snacking on some schnitzel, spaetzle or southern-style obatzada.

Non-alcoholic beverages and American foods are also available. To see a list of current bier on tap and the full menu visit www.brewhausbar.com.

This function is informal and pay-your-own-way. No reservation is necessary, but it would be nice to know how many folks may attend. If you plan to attend, please contact Patty Parks at pattyjoparks@yahoo.com or 423-326-0839.

Limited free parking is available in front of Brewhaus with additional paid parking available in the rear adjacent to Coolidge Park. There is a rear entrance on River Street.



ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE 2015



1. The Sea Cadet Color Guard presents the colors during the Armed Forces Day Luncheon (Photo by MC1(SW/AW) Nathan Laird, USN).
2. The Sea Cadet Color Guard leads the entire procession in the Armed Forces Day Parade.
3. Members of the Naval Operations Support Center and Sea Cadets of the Chattanooga Division march in the Armed Forces Day Parade.
4. Alden Perry drives Jack Spittler and two of the Cadets of the Year in the Armed Forces Day Parade.

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5. Cadets and leaders from the Hurricane and Signal Mountain Divisions march in the Armed Forces Day Parade.

6. Chief Murphy and The Howard School NJROTC Color Guard lead the school's NJROTC unit.



7. The Howard School NJROTC Unit renders honors as the Cadets pass the reviewing stand.

Mountain View Ford's Longstanding Support to the Navy League Continues



Clay Watson, Dealer Principal of Mountain View Ford, hands Sandy McMillan the keys to a Ford Mustang convertible just prior to the Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade.

For more years than anyone in our Council can remember, Mountain View Ford has supported the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council during the Annual Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade by donating a Mustang convertible to carry our Sea Cadets, League Cadets, and NJROTC Cadets of the Year. This year was no exception as Clay Watson, President and Dealer Principal of Mountain View Ford, loaned our Council a 2015 Mustang GT convertible, which can be seen in the photo immediately below. Mountain View Ford has a history of supporting our veterans; numerous accolades from service and veteran units are displayed in their showroom. If you are interested in viewing these accolades, Mountain View Ford is located at 301 East 20th Street in Chattanooga just off Market Street. Similar accolades can also be viewed at Mountain View Chevrolet and Mountain View Nissan, which are part of the Mountain View Auto Group, located in the vicinity of Mountain View Ford.

Three Cadets of the Year ride in the Ford Mustang provided courtesy of Mountain View Ford.

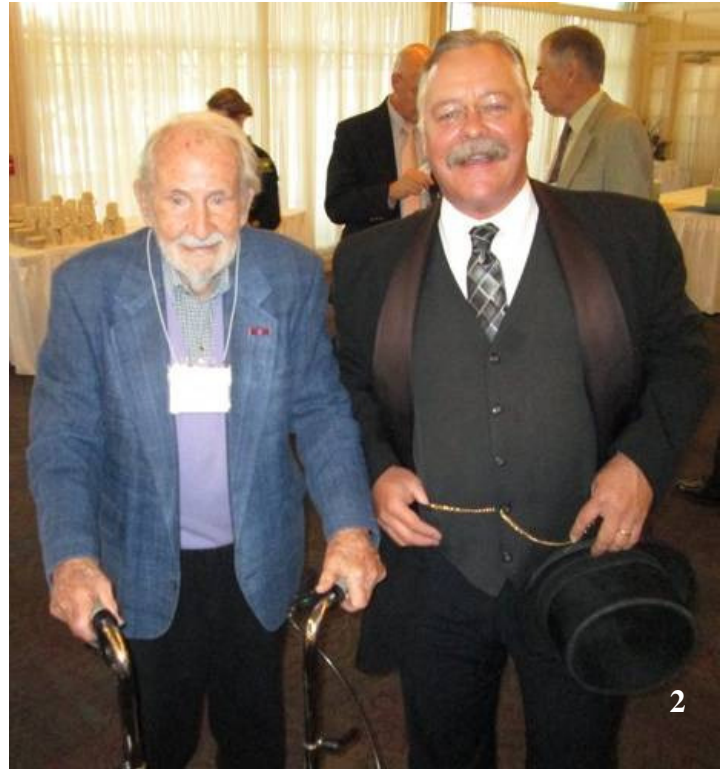




(L/R) Chattanooga Council President Ron Galante of Signal Mountain, Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Xander Kehoe of Chattanooga, Sea Cadet Petty Officer First Class Lee Nagle of Signal Mountain, Sea Cadet Seaman Jordan Schone of East Ridge, League Cadet Seaman Recruit Alexander Piercy of Chattanooga, League Cadet Apprentice Cadet Chad Waye of Signal Mountain, TR Joe.



William Prince (left) and Jack Spittler (right) both of Signal Mountain enjoy TR Joe's lively performance.



1. TR Joe and Chattanooga Council President Ron Galante of Signal Mountain give a rousing “Hip, Hip Hooray! for the Navy League.” 2. Council namesake and World War II Navy veteran Jack Spittler (left) of Signal Mountain signed TR Joe up as the Council’s newest member! 3. (L/R) Signal Mountain Division Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Stacy Kehoe of Chattanooga, TR Joe, Commander Lyn Church of Signal Mountain. 4. (L/R) Navy League member John Niemeyer and guest William Prince both of Signal Mountain.





Navy League members and guests pose with TR Joe. (Left to right) Gary Meyer and Sandy Gallagher of Chattanooga, TR Joe, Becky and Harvey Templeton of Cleveland TN.

Navy League members Patty and Mark Parks of Ooltewah with TR Joe.





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1. Navy League members Diana and Larson Mick of Signal Mountain with TR Joe. 2. Navy League member and mom of Naval Academy graduate Wes Althaus, Leigh Althaus of Signal Mountain with TR Joe. 3. (L/R) Navy League members Austin Seay and Dan Saieed both of Signal Mountain. 4. (L/R) David and Martha Nagle, and Jim Fields all of Signal Mountain.



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