



# COMPASS POINTS

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

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## NATION MOURNS TRAGEDY IN CHATTANOOGA 7-YEAR OLD BECOMES HONORARY NLUS MEMBER



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Ron Galante*



*Ron Galante, President*

Dear Navy League Members & Supporters:

Our last get together was a no-reservation required after-work social at the Brewhaus on Thursday, June 18, 2015. Since this was also my birthday I was eager to attend and do a little celebrating. Good food and beer were had by all, and this was topped off by Patty Parks having a special dessert served that was in the form of a SUBMARINE. Having served on submarines this was a unique treat for me.

I have attempted to establish contact with the 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. However, I have not been successful. Perhaps the boat is out to sea on patrol and this type of information is not available for various reasons. I will continue to attempt to re-establish communications.

We have had quite a few new members join since our last meeting, which has been due to the efforts of current members getting these new members to join. We all need to continue to pursue new members for the Chattanooga Navy League to build our Council and form the foundation for an expanding level of activities. If each of you recruits one new member we will have more than

The recent tragic terrorist attacks in Chattanooga that left 4 Marines and a Navy petty officer dead, as well as a police officer and Marine injured, have served to bring together the Chattanooga community in an unprecedented display of thoughtfulness, generosity and patriotism. One heartwarming example of the best in people comes from a 7 year old girl named Amanda Gioveno. Like thousands of others, Amanda wanted to do something to support the families of this tragedy, so she decided to sell lemonade and donate the proceeds to the victim's families. Amanda entrusted the money she collected in the three days she sold lemonade to the Chattanooga Navy League. Our President, Ron Galante, accepted her check on behalf of the victim's families and the board will decide how best to carry out Amanda's wishes. For her selfless act, Ron Galante made Amanda an honorary member of the Chattanooga Navy League and gave her a Chattanooga Navy League challenge coin and ball cap, which she proudly displayed at the Navy Operational Support Center on Amnicola highway. In addition, WDEF gave Amanda \$500 as the winner of their "Do the Right Thing" contest. Accompanying this article are photo of Amanda and her family, the letter she wrote to the families of the victims, and photos of Chattanooga's displays of patriotism.

While Chattanooga and the nation mourn the victims and

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doubled the size of our Council in 1 year. Please keep up the good work in this area.

Our board has been working on more programs for our members. Further in this issue of *Compass Points* you can learn about the next activity we have planned.

I look forward to seeing you and any prospective new members at our next get together.


In your service,

**Ron Galante, President**

# 7-YEAR OLD NAMED HONORARY NLUS MEMBER



7-year old Amanda Giovengo recently named an Honorary NLUS Member is surrounded by her family. (L/R) Brothers Ryan and Kyle; Honorary NLUS member Amanda; and proud parents Gwen, and Gary. The letter Amanda wrote to the families of those who were tragically killed, and injured is featured below.



*"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."*

Albert Schweitzer



**Tribute To Our Brothers-In-Arms**

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their families, the way in which we responded to this senseless tragedy displayed our caring, generous and patriotic nature.

To the Families of - 7-23-15

U.S. Navy Petty officer - Randall Smith,  
 Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan,  
 Marine Corps Sgt. Carson Holmquist,  
 Marine Corps Lance Corporal Skip Wells,  
 Marine Corps Staff Sgt. David Wyatt

I am sorry for your loss.  
 I had a lemonade stand to make some money to give to you.

I made a total of \$312

I am giving \$267 to all of you and \$50 to Officer Demis Pedigo. Love, Amanda Giovengo

LOVE you!

# Memorials Honoring Our Fallen



**MEMORIAL RIDE**  
\*\*\*\*\* FOR THE \*\*\*\*\*  
**NOOGA FIVE**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

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# Brewhaus Rally



1. President Ron Galante, a former submariner, is surprised with a submarine-shaped birthday cake.
2. Ed Lusk, Vince Patterson, Bill Leonard, Mark Parks, \*, Patty Parks, Noah Long, Ron Galante, Bill Prince, and George Phillips enjoy the food and atmosphere at the recent Council social held at the Brewhaus. (**\*Unknown landlubber seeking cultural and social enlightenment**).
3. Mark Parks reminds Bill Leonard of the age-old Naval axiom, "Never mess with a sailor's pay, liberty, or CHOW!"
4. Bill Prince enjoying the fare at the Brewhaus.

# SUMMER DINNER SOCIAL - 8•20•2015

Join us Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> as we set sail aboard the Southern Belle Riverboat. Check in begins at 6:00 PM; we board at 6:30 PM. She gets underway at 7 PM and will return to port no later than 9:00 PM.

While enjoying our annual "tour of duty afloat", we will have a buffet dinner including Prime Rib and Chicken Wisconsin.

Located at Pier 2 (201 Riverfront Parkway) in Chattanooga under the Olgiati Bridge, the U.S. Coast Guard-regulated Southern Belle can hold her crew along with 450 passengers.

Designed by noted marine architect Captain Alan L. Bates, the Southern Belle was built at the Serodino Boat Yards in Guild, Tennessee, which is about 25 miles downriver from Chattanooga. She features an air-operated calliope and has been ported in Chattanooga since her 1985 launch.

Limited free parking is available on the street, and a Carta Parking lot is across the street from the pier. The Southern Belle provides golf-cart transportation from the drop-off point (under the Olgiati Bridge) to the boat.

Dress comfortably for the warm weather; low-heeled shoes are strongly recommended.

Please have your reservations to Mark Parks no later than Tuesday, August 18th. **The reservation form, with pertinent information, is located on the last page of this newsletter.**

*Southern Belle info Source: <http://www.steamboats.org/traveller/tennessee-river/chattanooga.html>*



## We're Recruiting

# Membership Recruiting

"These are the times that try men's' souls." This admonition has been uttered many, many times and is certainly applicable to the murder of five brave men of the SEA services in our city. It is especially alarming as our country disarms while our sworn enemies from the far corners of the world recruit and build arms and armaments at an alarming rate.

The founder of our Navy League, Theodore Roosevelt, emphasized "Speak softly but carry a big stick." This admonition becomes more important with each passing hour. We need you, our members, to do that very thing – get New Members! Let's all do our part. Every member get a member!! An Application for that new member will be found in your *Seapower* Magazine or on the National Navy League's website. Let's do it as a tribute to the five Now!

## HIGHLIGHTS OF FIRST AFTER-WORK SOCIAL

The King Ludwig and Bavarian House Nachos were only two of the delicious foods sampled by Navy League members who gathered at the Brewhaus on Chattanooga's north shore last month for an "After-Work Social." A variety of on-tap "biers" were enjoyed as well as a number of free specialty or "craft" beer samples.

While only a few members took advantage of this casual function, all who attended had a great time. Additionally, a merry round of "Happy Birthday" filled the air as President Ron Galante was presented with a submarine-shaped cake for his birthday! No age was specified, but the server did "card" everyone so we know he is at LEAST 21! (See photos on page 4).



### In Memoriam

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of the following who have passed away:

CAPT Michael A. Patten, USN (Retired) - June 10, 2015 - member  
Diana D. Mick - July 29, 2015 - member and wife of member Larson Mick



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**Summer Dinner Social**  
**Thursday, August 20, 2015**  
Southern Belle Riverboat  
201 Riverfront Pkwy., Pier 2  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
37402

6:00 PM	Check-In
6:30 PM	Board Southern Belle
7:00 PM	Depart Pier 2
7:30 PM	Buffet Dinner of Prime Rib and Chicken Wisconsin
8:30 PM	50/50 Drawing & Announcements
9:00 PM	Return to Pier 2

**DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at right, for the August 20th Summer Dinner Social of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council.

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

**AUGUST 20, 2015 RESERVATION FORM**

Southern Belle Riverboat  
201 Riverfront Parkway, Pier 2  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

**Buffet featuring Prime Rib & Chicken Wisconsin, Baby Red Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Yeast Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Sweet Tea.**

NLUS Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Non-Member Guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

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

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Reservations should **reach us NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015.** Mail reservations and your check to:

**Mark Parks** Telephone: 423-326-0839  
**6920 Sawtooth Drive**  
**Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894**

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