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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ron Galante

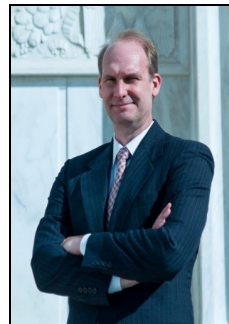
Dear Navy League Members & Supporters:

Our social cruise and Memorial service aboard the Southern Belle on August 20, 2015 were well attended by Navy League members.

Over 60 members of the Navy League joined us on the Southern Belle, as it sailed up river to the Navy Operational Support Center, where the 5 members of the Marines and Navy became victims of the terrorist attack that occurred on July 16, 2015. Our Chaplain, father Frank Brett, delivered a memorial service as the Southern Belle remained motionless on the Tennessee River next to the Navy Operational Support Center. At the conclusion of the service, Amanda Giovengo (the 7-year old girl who raised \$317 to donate to the victims' families), her family and all the members of the Navy League on board, cast white roses into the river in tribute to the fallen five.

Many of the Navy League members who joined us on the cruise were new members, as a result of the hard work of Patrick Abercrombie in getting 19 Sea Cadet parents of the Chattanooga Division to become members of the Navy League. I hope each of you is continuing your efforts to recruit new members for the Navy League.

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FALL DINNER SPEAKER, OCT. 15, DANIEL D. BARKS, ESQUIRE

Our Navy League's October 15, 2015 meeting will be held at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo in the Roosevelt Room beginning at 6:00 p.m. with social time and concluding around 8:30 p.m.

Our speaker for the evening will be Daniel D. Barks, Esq. Many of you may remember his grandfather who served as President of Baylor School for 40 years and his father who also served as President for 20 years.

Dan served on active duty in the United States Navy from 1985 to 1991 and in the Navy Reserve until 2007. LCDR Dan Barks USN/Ret. served as an A-6E Carrier pilot with over 1,000 hours in tactical aircraft hours.

Dan received his law degree in 1996 and is an expert in aviation law. He has represented foreign sovereigns and victims of terrorism and is currently the Managing Partner of the Washington D.C and Atlanta offices of Speiser Krause.

Dan is also Chairman of the Board of Blue Star Consortium, Inc., which is an international consulting company formed with a focus on security, third world economic stability cyber security and threat financing.

The title of his address is, "The Public's Changing Perception of Sacrifice in an Ever-Widening and Fluid Battlespace." Dan's biography is on page 2.

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DANIEL D. BARKS, ESQUIRE

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Mr. Barks grew up on the campus of the Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tennessee where his father acted as President for 20 years and his Grandfather, for 40 years. Upon graduation from High School, he attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Political Science with a concentration in Middle Eastern studies.

Upon Graduation from college he entered the United States Navy, serving on active duty from 1985 until 1991. Designated a Naval Aviator (pilot) in 1986, then Lieutenant Barks, flew the A-6E Intruder Attack Aircraft. He continued to serve in the Navy Reserves until 2007.

Mr. Barks served as an A-6E Carrier pilot while in the United States Navy accumulating well over 1,000 hours in tactical aircraft within his first 5 years with the Navy. After serving in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Barks returned from the Middle East, leaving active duty to pursue a legal degree.

Mr. Barks continued his flying career after his Active Duty Navy career, flying some 12 different foreign tactical aircraft and maintaining his licenses and certifications.

Upon departing the U.S. Navy Mr. Barks entered law school at the University of South Carolina, and was awarded a *Juris Doctorate*, with honors, in 1996. During his time at USC he focused his studies on products liability under Professor David G. Owen, (of Prosser Keeton & Owen on Torts). Mr. Barks has continued to write and lecture on the commercial and ethical implications Products Liability laws and the effects of Tort Reform on the progress of product safety and the economy.

In the Spring of 1996 Mr. Barks joined the law firm of Speiser Krause Nolan and Granito, in their Metro Washington, DC offices. Mr. Barks practiced with Speiser Krause in the New York and D.C. offices as a litigator, primarily in the field of Aviation Law, but also representing foreign sovereigns and victims of terrorism. As a partner at Speiser Krause Mr. Barks went on to lead and manage over 50 major litigations in the United States and abroad. Mr. Barks is currently licensed to practice law in Georgia, Virginia, and New York, and admitted to numerous appellate courts and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Barks is currently the Managing Partner of the Washington, DC and Atlanta, Georgia offices of Speiser Krause.

Mr. Barks is also, Chairman of the Board of Blue Star Consortium, Inc., an international consulting company, formed with a focus on

security, third world economic stability, cyber security, and threat financing. The company also works closely with emerging Eastern European countries, and the new NATO nations. Working with public private partnerships in Eastern Europe and with newly converted private entities in the former Soviet Block, Mr. Barks' company, Blue Star Consortium, Inc., focused on assisting these entities with expanding opportunities in the West in the areas of aviation, defense, and finance. Blue Star also works in the United States in the areas of security, cyber security, finance, and aviation. Mr. Barks currently serves as the Chairman of Blue Star with offices in Atlanta, GA; Alexandria, VA; London, UK; and Vienna, Austria.

Mr. Barks has also enjoyed a 30 year relationship with the government of Belize. Through Blue Star and as an attorney, Mr. Barks works with numerous NGO's and the Belizean government in the areas of gang violence, threat financing, counter narcotics, and national security. He is also an advisor to the Board of the Central Prison System (Kolbe Foundation) in Belize.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dan Saieed is working on dinner programs for this October and December, as well as early 2016, which should be of particular interest to Navy League members and potential members you may wish to bring as a guest to one of these meetings.

We are working on scheduling another visit to the USS Tennessee, SSBN 734, in Kings Bay Georgia in March or April of 2016. Our last visit to the boat in January 2014 was one of the best activities our Navy League has arranged and we are looking forward to another visit to the boat. While the crew of the Tennessee cannot bring the boat up the Tennessee to Chattanooga we may be able to arrange another visit by the crew to Chattanooga to attend one of our dinner meetings.

In your service,

Ron Galante, President

CHATTANOOGA NAVY LEAGUE TRANSFERS AMANDA GIOVINGO'S DONATION TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN FIVE VIA THE NATIONAL COMPASSIONATE FUND

By now, most of you are familiar with the seven-year-old girl who raised money for the families of the fallen marines and sailor who perished at the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) on July 16. Amanda Giovingo raised \$317 for the families by selling lemonade over a three-day period. She gave the money to our Council President, Ron Galante. At its most recent meeting, your Council Board voted to donate the money to the victims' families via the National Compassion Fund. To show the Council's appreciation for her unselfish act, Ron made Amanda an honorary member of the Chattanooga Navy League and presented her with a Chattanooga Navy League challenge coin and ball cap. Additionally, our Council hosted Amanda and her family aboard the Southern Belle at our August dinner cruise where she participated in a memorial service to the fallen five, which included an invocation by our Council Chaplain, Frank Brett, and the casting of white roses into the Tennessee River as the Southern Belle came to a temporary halt adjacent to the NOSC. Amanda further honored the fallen five by casting the first rose into the river.

If you would like to make a donation directly to the victims' families, see the ad for the National Compassion Fund, at right. The deadline for donating to the families of the fallen five in Chattanooga is November 2, 2015. Donations are tax deductible.



STAND WITH CHATTANOOGA

Donate **directly** to victims of the Chattanooga shooting at
NationalCompassionFund.org

Or text **HOPE** to **84465**
to give **\$10**

When prompted, reply to confirm your donation. Full Terms: mGive.org/T. Privacy Policy: mGive.org/P

You can help! 100% of donations go directly to victims:

- **Online at** www.NationalCompassionFund.org
- **By mail** The National Center has partnered with Eagle Bank to accept secure donations. Please make checks payable to the "**National Compassion Fund**" and mail them to:

National Center for Victims of Crime
PO Box 360681
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-6681

- **By text** Donations of \$10 can also be made via text message. Text "**HOPE**" to **84465**.

Charges will appear on your wireless bill or be deducted from your prepaid balance. All purchases must be authorized by account holder. Must be 18 years of age or have parental permission to participate. Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to 84465 to STOP. Text HELP to 84465 for HELP. Full Terms, including Privacy Policy: mGive.org/T.

THANK YOU

PHOTO GALLERY



1. and 3. Signal Mountain Division's Sea Cadets PO3 Callie Regal and PO3 Sarah Goodrich decked out for night ops during summer SeaBee Training in Florida.
2. Sea Cadet PO3 TC Jones of Chattanooga Division during Basic Airman Training at NAS Lemoore, CA.
4. Sea Cadets PO2 Sam Splawn, PO3 Drew Nixon, and PO3 Ethan Morgan of Chattanooga Division proudly display their basic SCUBA diving cards which they have just earned during summer training in Puerto Rico.
5. ENS Bobby Rivers (center), XO of Chattanooga Division, and LTJG Patrick Abercrombie (right), CO of Chattanooga Division, proudly stand with Sea Cadet SA Bethany Carideo shortly after she graduated from Recruit Training at Latimer Scout Camp, TN.

PHOTO GALLERY



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6. Amanda Giovingo tosses out the first white rose during the memorial service to the fallen five.

7. Amanda Giovingo, the belle on the Belle!

8. Angie Abercrombie and Missy and Brent Mathews enjoying the evening aboard the Southern Belle.

9. The Giovingo family on the fantail of the Southern Belle during the August river cruise, shortly before the memorial service to the fallen five. (l) to (r) - Ryan, Kyle, Gary, Amanda, and Gwen.

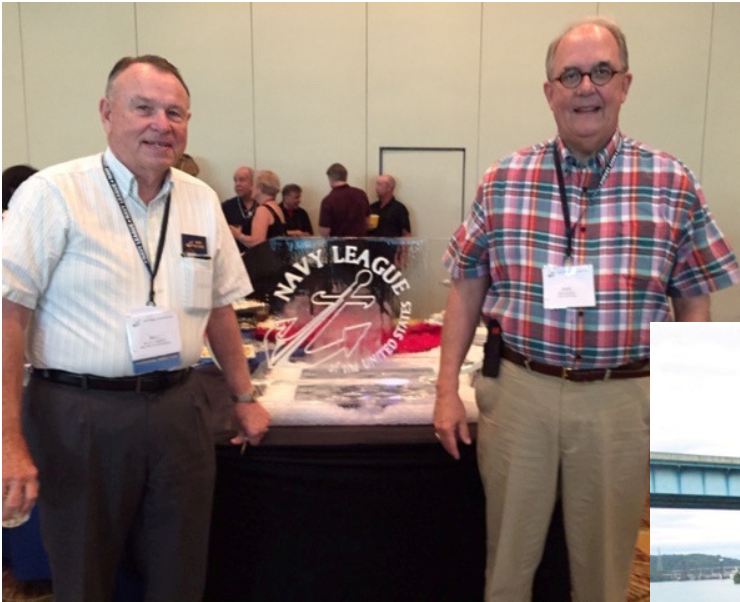
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1. Charles and Margie Watson enjoying the view from the weather deck of the Southern Belle.
2. Chaplain Frank Brett and Ron Nudo enjoying a lighthearted moment during the August cruise.
3. Laura and Stan Schone enjoying the evening on the Southern Belle.
4. We're not sure when our ace photographer, Patty Parks, actually found time to pose for a picture, but here she is with her husband, Mark, taking a break from her duties.



PHOTO GALLERY



Billy Hewitt (l) and Dan Saieed (r), who are Navy League National Directors from our Council, recently attended the Navy League National Convention in Tampa Florida.

Council President, Ron Galante, (r), introduces our Council Chaplain, Frank Brett, who made a few remarks prior to the memorial service to the fallen five.



Penny and Mitch Chastain (l), enjoy themselves during the August cruise.

Hurricane Division's SA Caleb Gordon attended Special Warfare Combatant Craftsman (SWCC) summer training in Florida. Here he is seen completing his swim qualifications for the course. SWCC operators specialize in small-unit tactics, giving them the ability to conduct military actions that are beyond the capability of conventional military forces. SWCC units often operate in concert with other Special Operations Forces, including the Navy SEALs.






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Fall Dinner Social
Thursday, October 15, 2015
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Roosevelt Room
1400 Market Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

- 6:00 - 6:40 PM Social Time (Cash Bar in adjacent lounge)
- 6:45 - 7:30 PM Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 PM Guest Speaker
- 8:15 PM 50/50 Drawing & Announcements

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at right, for the October 15th Fall 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 Wednesday, October 14, 2015!** Mark may also be reached at mparks@epbf.com.

Cancellations should reach us NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015.

OCTOBER 15, 2015 RESERVATION FORM
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Roosevelt Room
1400 Market Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Buffet featuring two entrees, sides, dessert, coffee & tea.

NLUS Members	_____ x	\$30.00 =	\$ <u> </u> .00
Non-Member Guests	_____ x	\$40.00 =	\$ <u> </u> .00

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

Reservations should reach us NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015. Mail reservations and your payment (payable to “Chattanooga Navy League”) 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.