



# COMPASS POINTS

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## LOCAL SEA CADETS SPEARHEAD FOOD DRIVE FOR VETS JOIN US DECEMBER 17th FOR OUR HOLIDAY DINNER SOCIAL



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Ron Galante*

We are busy working on setting up a December 17 holiday dinner meeting at the Choo-Choo that will be lots of fun for all that attend. See additional information on this event in this issue of *Compass Points*.

Dear Navy League Members & Supporters:

October's Chattanooga Navy League dinner was strongly attended, likely due to the excellence of the speaker, Daniel Barks, and an interesting topic dealing with the public's changing perception of sacrifice in an ever-widening and fluid battlespace that has even more relevance today in view of the terrorist attacks in France and San Bernardino, CA.

Our board members are busy working on scheduling 2016 events, and we are looking forward to setting up interesting events for you to attend.

Please remember to continue to ask others to join the Navy League and bring them to a meeting so they can get a taste of what the Chattanooga Navy League has to offer.

November 11 was Veterans day and although the Navy League is a civilian organization that supports active service members, it was a patriotic day filled with events held at the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Alexian Village, etc. It goes without saying that every Veterans day.

In Your Service,

*Ron Galante*



*'Tis time for our Holiday Party,  
At the Chattanooga Choo-Choo.  
Make your reservation today  
Or your holiday will be too blue!*

*The food they serve is sumptuous,  
With desserts fit for a king.  
There'll be plenty of food on the buffet,  
So a friend or two you should bring!*

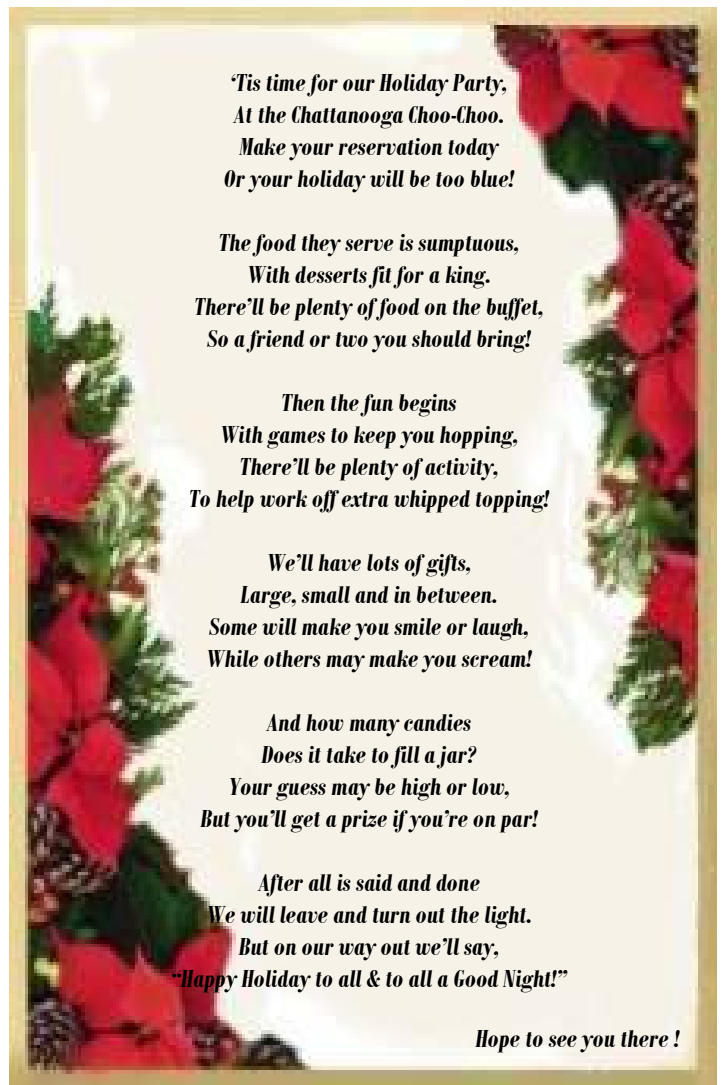
*Then the fun begins  
With games to keep you hopping,  
There'll be plenty of activity,  
To help work off extra whipped topping!*

*We'll have lots of gifts,  
Large, small and in between.  
Some will make you smile or laugh,  
While others may make you scream!*

*And how many candies  
Does it take to fill a jar?  
Your guess may be high or low,  
But you'll get a prize if you're on par!*

*After all is said and done  
We will leave and turn out the light.  
But on our way out we'll say,  
"Happy Holiday to all & to all a Good Night!"*

*Hope to see you there !*





## CHATTANOOGA VET CENTER'S FOOD DRIVE

The Signal Mountain Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps is collecting canned goods for the Chattanooga Vet Center's annual Food Drive. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact Stacy Kehoe at 423-296-8235, or for your convenience, **you may bring a non-perishable food item to the Navy League's upcoming dinner meeting** on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. The Vet Center, located at 951 Eastgate Loop, Bldg 5700, Suite 300, Chattanooga, is a division of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



*Members of the Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Division Color Guard, l to r: Riley Teeter, Rachel Dagnan, Sarah Goodrich, and Callie Regal are shown attending the Fall Dinner Social.*



**Answer to previous Trivia Question:** Where did the term "Leatherneck" originate? In 1776, the Naval Committee of the Second Continental Congress prescribed new uniform regulations. Marine uniforms were to consist of green coats with buff white facings, buff breeches and black gaiters. Also mandated was a leather stock to be worn by officers and enlisted men alike. This leather collar served to protect the neck against cutlass slashes and to hold the head erect in proper military bearing. Sailors serving aboard ship with Marines came to call them "leathernecks."

Use of the leather stock was retained until after the Civil War when it was replaced by a strip of black glazed leather attached to the inside front of the dress uniform collar. The last vestiges of the leather stock can be seen in today's modern dress uniform, which features a stiff cloth tab behind the front of the collar.

The term "leatherneck" transcended the actual use of the leather stock and became a common nickname for United States Marines. Other nicknames include "soldiers of the sea," "devil dogs," and the slightly pejorative "gyrene," (a term which was applied to the British Royal Marines in 1894 and to the U.S. Marines by 1911), and "jarhead."

**Question:** How many females have had the honor to serve as Tomb Guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?

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

*Merry Christmas*



*Happy Holidays*

# Photo Gallery



## *Fall Dinner Social Photos*

1. (L to R): Dick Lewallen, George and Sharon Derryberry, Carol Lewallen.
2. Nancy and Vince Patterson.
3. (L to R): Billy Hewitt, Daniel Barks (speaker), Mickey McCamish, Chris Dooley, and Vance Fry.
4. (L to R): Frank Kirbus, LT Stacy Kehoe, and Ron Galante.

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## Fall Dinner Social Photos

5. Jonathan and Lesa Silvers.  
6. (L to R): Carolyn and Ed O'Brien, Jack Spittler, and Carolene Perry.  
7. Kermit and Joyce Mock.  
8. (L to R:) Sue Galante and Mark and Patty Parks.

# *Photo Gallery*



## *Fall Dinner Social Photos*

9. (L to R): LT Stacey Kehoe and Larry Trabucco.  
10. (L to R): Jenny Richards and Rachel Dagnan.  
11. (L to R): Larson Mick and Bill Leonard.





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**Holiday Dinner Social**  
**Thursday, December 17, 2015**  
*Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel  
Roosevelt Room  
1400 Market Street  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402*

6:00 PM Social Time (Cash Bar in adjacent lounge)  
6:30 PM Welcome (Members & Guests please take seats)  
6:45 PM Buffet Dinner  
7:30 PM Games and Gifts  
8:30 PM Announcements

**DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at right, for the December 17th Holiday 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 Noon, Thursday, December 17, 2015.** Mark may also be reached at [mparks@epbf.com](mailto:mparks@epbf.com).

**Cancellations should reach us NO LATER THAN NOON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015.**

**DECEMBER 17, 2015  
HOLIDAY DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

*Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel  
Roosevelt Room  
Chattanooga, TN 37402*

**Buffet featuring 2 Entrée selections, sides, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee:**

**NLUS Members:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .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 NOON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015.**

**Mail reservations and your check, made payable to Chattanooga Navy League, to:**

**Mark Parks**  
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.*