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SAVE THE DATE ~ DECEMBER 8 ~ ANNUAL MEETING ALONG WITH ELECTION OF 2017 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



Ron Galante



ANNUAL MEETING NAVY LEAGUE DINNER DECEMBER 8, 2016

Dear Navy League Members & Supporters:

At our October 20 dinner meeting, Lieutenant Commander Timothy White, the commanding officer of the Naval Operations Support Center in Chattanooga, gave an interesting and enlightening speech that featured a personalized account regarding the NOSC terrorist attack on July 16, 2015.

On December 8, 2016, we have a dinner meeting scheduled at the Choo-Choo Roosevelt Room, where we have held many of our recent meetings. Two important activities are planned for this meeting.

First, a focused highlight of the 2016 activities of the Sea Cadets that will be presented to you by the Sea Cadets from each active division, plus a cadet from the NJROTC at Howard High School. This is sure to be very interesting, since our Sea Cadets have been very active.

Second, we will vote on the nominees for the 2017 Officers and Directors for our Council, at the meeting. After the vote, my 2-year term as President of our Council will end, and the new Officers and Directors will be installed. Your attendance at this meeting is important, since it will decide who your representatives will be in 2017.



The slate of Nominees for the 2017 Officers and Directors follows on page 4, under the heading of "Message From The President."

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As emphasized in President Ron Galante's message, left, the upcoming Navy League dinner on December 8th is very important for our council. Vital to our continuation as a thriving organization is the participation of our members in selecting and/or serving as members of our Board. The December 8th dinner at the Choo-Choo is designated as our official "Annual Meeting" for the purpose of the election. This year's nominees are listed in the President's message.

Fortunately, our nomination and election process is a lot simpler than what we have all endured in the national arena! No debates, rants, spin-masters, robo-phone calls or junk mail! We just need as many as possible to attend the dinner meeting – which is guaranteed to be an uplifting event as we hear from our local Sea Cadet divisions. As you may have seen in the last issue of **Compass Points**, it is truly amazing what these young people and the volunteers supporting them are accomplishing. So please clear your calendars for this dinner meeting. Last page provides the reservation info you need.

If you are curious about the how and why of our board election process, your attention is directed to the article on page 3, titled "Navy League Election By-Laws."



Recruit a Friend



Featured Speaker at October 8th Dinner Meeting Stuns Audience

The highlight of the October dinner Meeting was LCDR Timothy White's after-dinner address. He held us in rapt attention as he took us through the events of July 16, 2015 at the Naval Reserve Center (now known as the NOSC) on Amnicola Highway. We listened in awe as he described the attack by the terrorist gunman that resulted in 5 dead servicemen.

Though the broad picture of what had happened that day had been reported in the media back in the summer of 2015, there has been little filling in on the some of the critical details.



(L/R) Board Member Dan Saieed with guest speaker, LCDR Timothy White.

Just after noon that day, LCDR White heard a car crash into the front gate and then, through his office windows, saw a man running across the parking lot in front of the Reserve Center while firing an assault weapon at the Reserve Center. LCDR White knew that the servicemen in the center were defenseless since the US Navy policy was that no government weapons were issued to the Marines or Navy personnel at the NOSC. That morning, there were 3 staff members plus 8 reservists in the building.

LCDR White had a personal hand gun in his office. He loaded it and fired 6 shots through the window at the attacker as he advanced on the front of the building, hitting the attacker 3 times in shoulder & hip. The attacker then moved over to the right beyond the angle where White could aim at the attacker. The attacker then ran into the

building's front lobby area firing his automatic weapon at any servicemen he could see. He fired through closed doors and walls, in the manner of a militarily-trained terrorist, striking the Navy service member, who later died, through a wall. The sound from his powerful semi-automatic AK-74 assault rifle, modified to fire very rapidly, reverberated throughout the building as he probed deeper into it. (**Ed. Note:** An AK-74 is a modernized, more lethal version of the iconic AK-47).

At that point, LCDR White closed his office's thin unlockable door, the door that led to the lobby and hallways where the gunman was shooting. He kicked open one of his office windows, climbed out and moved across the parking lot to the front gate where a Chattanooga Police Dept officer had just arrived. When joined by more officers, the police advanced on the building. In a few, very long minutes later, they shot & killed the attacker.

By the end of his talk, those of us who had previously followed the sparse official reports of the encounter were astounded by the new significant revelations of the personal courage evidenced by Timothy White's first-hand report.

Though the above portion of his address was undoubtedly the "news item" of the evening, LCDR White also very ably described the challenges the Navy is facing in "Rating Modernization" where every enlisted rating is being reassessed so that it covers the broader technical needs of the modern Navy. And while the appcart is being upended, there is a service-wide campaign to reinvigorate the entire force with Integrity, Resilience and Toughness. There's never a dull moment in the US Navy (and Marines).



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BRAVERY TIMES TWO

~ Editorial

There is a first for everything ... and this is a first for **Compass Points** since I took the helm as Editor.

Navy League members at the October dinner meeting were witnesses to an astonishing event: the description of what actually happened on 16 July 2015 when the terrorist attacked the Naval Reserve Center in Chattanooga (the NOSC). The local and national media have glossed over the detail and, as far as I know, have never reported on LCDR Timothy White's specific actions when he shot at the terrorist, much less reporting that he hit the attacker with 3 bullets.

One could speculate that those shots certainly must have slowed the terrorist down and possibly reduced his ability to kill more servicemen than he did -- and thereby, saved lives. Plus, by shooting at the attacker, LCDR White certainly identified himself as a threat to the attacker who had a powerful semi-automatic rifle (AK-74) in hand, putting himself in much greater jeopardy than if he had just hunkered down.

I think we just witnessed two highly significant acts of Bravery:

- First, to have taken the action he did
- And Second, to speak up and tell this story, in spite of quite obvious reluctance of officialdom to tell this story to the country.

To me, what LCDR Timothy White has done merits the highest praise that can be awarded.

Willard K. Rice, Jr.
Editor - **Compass Points** Newsletter



US Naval League Council By-Laws

Article IV -- Election of Officers and Directors

Section 1:

This council shall have the following elected Officers: President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Judge Advocate. Additional Vice Presidents may be elected for functional areas as required. During the year, the President may propose to the Board any new Vice Presidents required. After Board approval, a confirmation by the membership vote at the next meeting will be required.

Section 2:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers, the immediate past President and a minimum of three (3) elected Directors. Of the three (3) elected initial directors, one (1) will serve for a term of one year, one (1) will serve for a term of two years and one (1) will serve a term of three (3) years. The terms of these elected directors will be determined by a chance drawing conducted by the President. During the year, the President may propose to the Board any new Director required. After Board approval, a confirmation by membership vote at the next meeting will be required.

Section 3:

The Officers of this council shall be elected for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. After the elected initial directors have served their one, two or three year terms, subsequent Directors shall be elected for a term of one year. The President shall not be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4:

Officers and Directors shall be elected by a majority of those members present and voting by secret ballot unless there is but one candidate for an office, in which case election may be by voice vote. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. Installation of new Officers and Directors may follow the elections at the Annual Meeting, or be conducted at a subsequent meeting or event. The President shall have the authority to fill a vacancy should one arise, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Message from the President

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**YOUR VOTE
COUNTS!**



The Nominees for the 2017 Officers and Directors are as follows:

President	Mickey McCamish
Vice President, Secretary and Director Youth	Stacy Kehoe
Treasurer	Mark Parks
Judge Advocate	Jim Fields
Director Legislative Affairs	Billy Hewitt
Director and Immediate Past President	Ron Galante
Director <i>Compass Points</i>	Willard Rice, Jr.
Director Military Affairs	Alden Perry
Director Programs	Dan Saieed
Director	Larson Mick
Director	David Smith
Chaplain	Franklin Brett

I would like to express what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as our council president during the last 2 years and I hope to continue to serve our council in other roles in the future.

In Your Service,

Ron Galante



The Howard School NJROTC Color Guard Enlivens Navy League Dinner Meeting

At our October 8th Dinner meeting, we were pleased to host Dirk Ames, LCDR of the NJROTC unit at Howard School, and 5 of his student cadets who ably presented the Colors to kick off our meeting.

The Color Guard not only looked sharp but executed their movements with precision and obvious pride.

Those of us who were fortunate to have a cadet at their dinner table were impressed by how these young people conducted themselves and spoke of their future ambitions. And, the chef at the Choo-Choo should accept their enthusiastic approval of the dinner since most went back for seconds!

The cadets were Latricia Hood, Maria Pascual, Carlos Ortiz Perez, Jose Juarez-Gamez and Sade Strawter.



Previous Trivia Question: *What southeastern state was the last to return to the Union after the Civil War?*

Answer: Georgia.

Trivia Question: *Which U.S. Military Service has the most 4-Star Generals?*

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



Navy Ball Spectacular!

They say it couldn't be done! Putting together everything needed for the Navy Ball in less than 90 days was accomplished – something it traditionally took a year to nail down the venue, arrange for donated dinner, raffle gifts, guest speakers, music, the works.



Chattanooga Division Sea Cadet Color Guard arrives.

But, the Navy League Navy Ball committee led by Mickey McCamish along with co-chairman, Billy Hewitt, and supported by Ron Galante, Mark Parks, Dan Saieed and Stacy Kehoe did everything necessary to pull it off. One can only imagine the backroom deals and (wasn't there a name for it in the Navy?) "cumshaw" needed to obtain the unobtainable! They did and produced a flawless evening for nearly 200 naval enthusiasts. Numerous others, especially including America Henry, contributed to making the evening a big success. [Go to AmericaHenryPhotography.com/military/Navy-Ball-2016](http://AmericaHenryPhotography.com/military/Navy-Ball-2016) to view her beautiful portfolio of the evening.

Much thanks goes to the several local restaurants who provided an excellent buffet dinner: Moe's Southwest Grill, Big River Grill & Breweries and Sticky Fingers.

After welcoming remarks by Mickey McCamish, Congressman Chuck Fleischman presented a Washington report on naval affairs. Six foot four, kilt-wearing Navy Reservist LS2 Andrew Stephenson powerfully delivered the Invocation. If there had been a Scottish log hurling competition on the evening agenda, we know who would have won it!

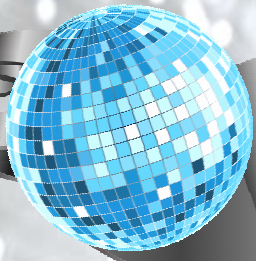
The high point of the evening was the keynote address by LCDR Timothy White, CO of the Chattanooga Naval Operations Service Center (NOSC) aka Naval Reserve Center. He related how, even in what we call peacetime, the Navy operates in extremely challenging conditions. He described the experience of flying fuel-starved helicopter supply missions to ships under weather conditions so far beyond acceptable/permissible that they are nearly indescribable. After experiencing two life threatening events in the past year, LCDR White reminded us how one's life can change in an instant and urged the audience to live each moment to the fullest.

The evening wound up with a raffle which included a million dollar Yeti Cooler (maybe it was only \$400 or \$500), Chatter gift bags too numerous to count (thanks to arm-twisting by Ron Galante) and a spectacular dance exhibition by an unnamed younger sailor.



L/R: Keynote Speaker LCDR Timothy White being introduced by Capt. Mickey McCamish.

(U.S. Navy photos contributed by Mass Communication Specialist Chief America A. Henry)



241st. Navy Ball Celebration



Navy Reservist LS2 Andrew Stephenson gave the Invocation.



A beautiful young lady serving as Hostess.



L/R: Congressman Chuck Fleischman and Mass Communication Specialist Chief America A. Henry .



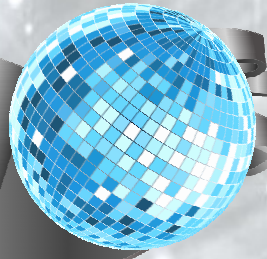
Mark and Patty Parks.



LCDR Timothy White with wife, Franicia White.

(U.S. Navy photos contributed by Mass Communication Specialist Chief America A. Henry)

241st. Navy Ball Celebration



Slicing the 241st Birthday Cake.



President Ron Galante with wife, Sue Galante.



Featured immediately above is a small sampling of the hundreds of attendees enjoying fun times at the Navy Ball.

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ANNUAL MEETING DINNER
Thursday, December 8, 2016
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)
- 6:35 PM Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- 6:45 PM Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 PM Sea Cadets and Howard NJROTC Report
- 8:15 PM Election and Installation of Officers & Directors
- 8:30 PM 50/50 Drawing and Announcements
- 8:40 PM Adjourn

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at right, for the December 8 Annual Dinner 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 8th.** Mark may also be reached at mparks@epbfi.com.

Cancellations should reach us NO LATER THAN NOON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016.

DECEMBER 8, 2016
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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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.