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In Remembrance

CDR Sandy McMillan, (Ret.) USN

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In a too-short 64 year life, Sandy McMillan accomplished much. His contributions to the Navy League were substantial, having been a past president of the Chattanooga Council when the Navy League held its very successful national convention in Chattanooga. Many who attended the convention stated that it was the best Navy League convention they had ever attended. Sandy was also a past board member and youth chairman and helped grow the Sea and Naval Cadets program for our council. His contributions to *Compass Points* were vital as its editor and he helped support the Chattanooga Navy League council in many more ways.

Some of us had the opportunity to attend the memorial service for Sandy at the Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church on April 23, 2016. The church was filled to capacity, which was understandable given the many activities and organizations in which Sandy was active. At the service, a memorial pamphlet was made available to all those who attended. On pages 8 and 9 following is a reformatted version of the memorial pamphlet.



Fair Winds and Following Seas

Navy League Cadets Shine in Armed Forces Day Parade

The 2016 Armed Forces Day parade was one of the largest Armed Forces Day parades held in Chattanooga in recent memory. Perhaps it was the beautiful weather or just a representation of Chattanooga's patriotic spirit. The cadets marched in various places in the parade and this year's honor cadets rode on the three convertibles that the Navy League drove in the parade. Driving were Ron Galante, Alden Perry and Vince Patterson. (Vince took the picture of the 6 cadets standing between Alden and Ron). The cadets were proud and excited to be representing the best of the Chattanooga Sea Cadets.

There were some Sea Cadet parade highlights that deserve noting. A woman with a little boy by her side began taking pictures of the lead car and then walked alongside the parade route and continued to take pictures to the very end of the parade. At one point, her little boy (maybe 3 years old) pointed at the car. "I thought he was pointing at the brand new Mustang that Mountain View Ford was nice enough to lend the Navy League for the parade", said the driver, Council President Ron Galante, until Cadet Lopez riding in the car exclaimed "... that's my little brother!". How very proud Cadet Lopez's family was to see their Sea Cadet son and brother being honored in the parade.

Before the parade, in an effort to determine the proper protocol regarding whether the cadets riding in the cars needed to salute the reviewing stand, it was determined that you should salute if you were marching but not if you were riding in a car. As the Naval League car approached the reviewing stand, Cadet Schone who was riding in the lead car, said "It just doesn't seem right that we should not salute and I sure don't want to get in trouble" So Galante replied, "Then you should definitely salute" . Surely Cadet Schone will never forget how General Robert B Neller, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, and the rest of the reviewing stand officers **snapped to attention** to return his salute.

This day, patriotism was shining as bright as the sun.



Dear Navy League Members & Supporters:

At our last meeting held on April 21st, Kitty McMillan opened the meeting and explained how Sandy's ashes will be scattered in the sea, by air and on land (SEAL).

After dinner, the 2016 recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medals were awarded to the Cadets of the Year. These cadets rode in three Navy League cars in the Armed Forces day parade.

Following the awards ceremony, Dr. Dooley's address explained how the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga College of Business Veterans Entrepreneurship Program helped veterans start their own business enterprise.

I then gave a summary of the up-coming trip to the USS Tennessee. The dates of our visit have been set for June 17 and 18, 2016. The visit to the USS Tennessee will serve as the Chattanooga Navy League council's social function for June. An article in this issue of **Compass Points** provides all the details on this great trip.

Dan Saieed is planning an exciting event for our August council meeting and further details will be forthcoming.

In Your Service,

Ron Galante, President



Standing between Alden Perry and Ron Galante are (L/R): LC4 Kaleb McCollum (SMD), PO2 Garren Gilreath (HD), PO3 James Schone (CT), LC4 Angel Lopez (CT), LC2 Joseph McMahon, and Cadet LTjg Stephany Abundez (NJROTC).





There is Still Time to Register for the USS Tennessee Trip. The bus isn't full **yet**, so there is still time for Navy League members to register for the trip to Kings Bay, Georgia for a guided tour by the crew of the USS Tennessee, SSBN-734 on June 17 and 18, 2016. Following are highlights of this submarine themed visit:

- Board and depart on a modern full size coach bus from the McCallie School at 500 Dodds Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404 at 7:30 AM on Friday June 17, 2016. Overnight parking at the school will be provided at no charge to attendees. The coach bus has free WI-FI access, DVD and CD player, flat screen monitors, surround sound, 110 volt charging outlets, tinted windows, comfortable reclining seats with foot rests, spacious overhead and under coach storage, zoned air conditioning, clean and spacious restroom, passenger seat belts, rear and side cameras and other safety equipment.

- Travel to our hotel in Kingsland Georgia. We anticipate arriving at 4:00 PM. During the bus ride to and from Kings Bay we will watch submarine movies.

- Arrive at approximately 4:00 PM, to the Sleep-Inn hotel located at 1321 Hospitality Ave., Kingsland GA 31548. Their telephone number is (912) 673-7116. This is a four year old hotel chain that has received 4+ star ratings from 467 customer reviews. Our group rate of \$59 + tax, with amenities such as free deluxe continental breakfast, exercise room, etc., with interior corridors and elevators.

- At approximately 6:30 PM, attend a meet and greet dinner at the Millhouse restaurant in a private dining room, with members of the USS Tennessee Gold Crew.

- The next morning, Saturday June 18, we will depart the hotel for the submarine base in Kings Bay for a personalized guided tour of the boat by members of the gold crew.

- At approximately noon, eat lunch in the base galley.

- Time permitting there will be a picture opportunity at the Franklin Gate at the retired USS George Bancroft, SSBN 643 memorial.

- After lunch, visit the nearby St. Mary's Submarine Museum, with a personalized presentation by the Executive Director of the museum.

- At 4:00 PM, depart for our bus trip back to Chattanooga, with arrival late that evening.

The fee for this trip is \$200. It includes the round trip bus fare, overnight parking, refreshments and snacks on the bus, dinner at the Millhouse restaurant, the tour of the boat and the St. Mary's Submarine Museum. Additional costs to attendees are their hotel room, including any incidentals, and lunches during the bus ride and base galley visit.

To guarantee your reservation your payment of \$200 must be received by the Chattanooga Navy League Council. Please mail your check to our treasurer:

Mark Parks
6920 Sawtooth Drive
Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894

Please include with your payment the following information to insure you are able to visit the submarine and to receive updated information regarding the trip:

- Your full name as it appears on your identification which you are required to bring with you to visit the submarine.** (Any government issued ID card is acceptable, such as a driver's license).

- Confirmation that you are a US citizen, which you must be to visit the submarine.**

- Your age as of June 18, 2016. The chief of the boat has requested the number of those, under age 18, attending. He wishes to have a separate discussion regarding those under 18 at a later date. (We will update you once we have had this discussion).**

- Telephone number, email and mailing address, so we can update you with communications regarding the visit to the USS Tennessee.**



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Theodore Roosevelt Awards

...Continuing the Tradition

Our April meeting was host of a full range of emotions from the sadness and solemnity of Sandy McMillan's passing to the joy and appreciation that one of the fundamental pillars of our organization and one that Sandy was instrumental in building, the nurturing of interest in naval affairs by the new generation, was standing strong. Five Sea Cadets and one NJROTC Cadet from the battalions our Council support were recipients of Theodore Roosevelt Awards.

LT Stacy Kehoe, Commanding Officer of the Signal Mountain Sea Cadets Battalion, called the recipients to the podium area and presented the Roosevelt Awards and Medals to these cadets:

- PO 1 Riley Teeter - Signal Mountain
- PO 2 Garren Gilreath - Chattanooga
- PO 3 James Schone - East Ridge
- Cadet 4 Kaleb McCallum - Signal Mountain
- Cadet 2 Joseph McMahon - Chattanooga
- Cadet LTjg Stephany Abundez - NJROTC Howard School

Rounding out the youth participation at our meeting, NJROTC Color Guard Group did a fine job of putting our meeting into motion.



Theodore Roosevelt Awardees, featured above, at Navy League Dinner, at the Choo-Choo (Back Row L/R): Signal Mountain Division Sea Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class Riley Teeter of Signal Mountain; Hurricane Division Sea Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class Garren Gilreath of Chattanooga; Chattanooga Division Sea Cadet Petty Officer 3rd Class James Schone of East Ridge. (Front Row L/R): Navy JROTC Cadet LTjg Stephany Abundez of Chattanooga; Signal Mountain Division League Cadet 4 Kaleb McCallum of Signal Mountain; Hurricane Division League 2 Joseph McMahon of Chattanooga.

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Proud Sponsor of Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council during the Annual Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade.

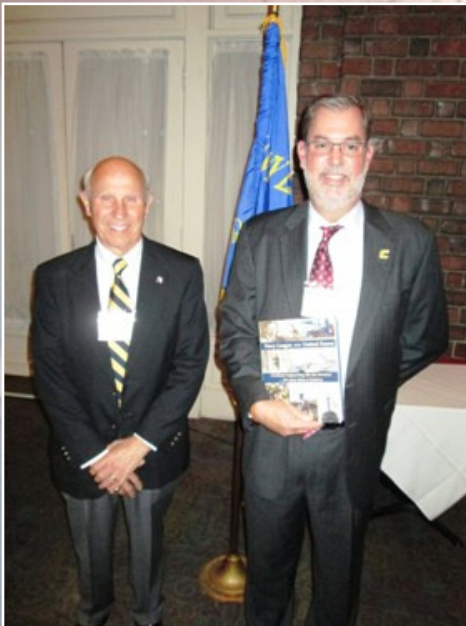
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UTC Dean Educates Navy League Council

Our April dinner meeting featured an informative talk by Dr. Robert Dooley, Dean of the School of Business, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Dr. Dooley updated the council on how the Veterans Entrepreneurship Program that he launched five years ago and is continuing to lead is making an increasingly positive impact on area veterans. This program focuses on helping veterans build on their special experience and start successful businesses. Chattanooga is noted for its broad support of veterans. This program is an important contributor to helping veterans re-enter civilian life and apply their talents in the regional economy.



Featured above (L/R): Council board member, Mickey McCamish, presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Dooley.



Story Behind The Coveted Award

This award, sponsored by the Navy League of the United States, enables sponsoring councils to annually recognize excellence on the part of young people participating in NSCC and NLCC programs. It serves to emphasize the importance placed on education and training of American youth and recognizes the importance of NSCC and NLCC as NLUS youth programs in attaining established goals and objectives.

Every April, at our Council's dinner, the Sea Cadets and one cadet from the NJROTC Howard High School are presented and awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Medal and Ribbon along with a nice certificate for their outstanding contributions to their units. Each cadet must be nominated by their Unit Commanding Officer.

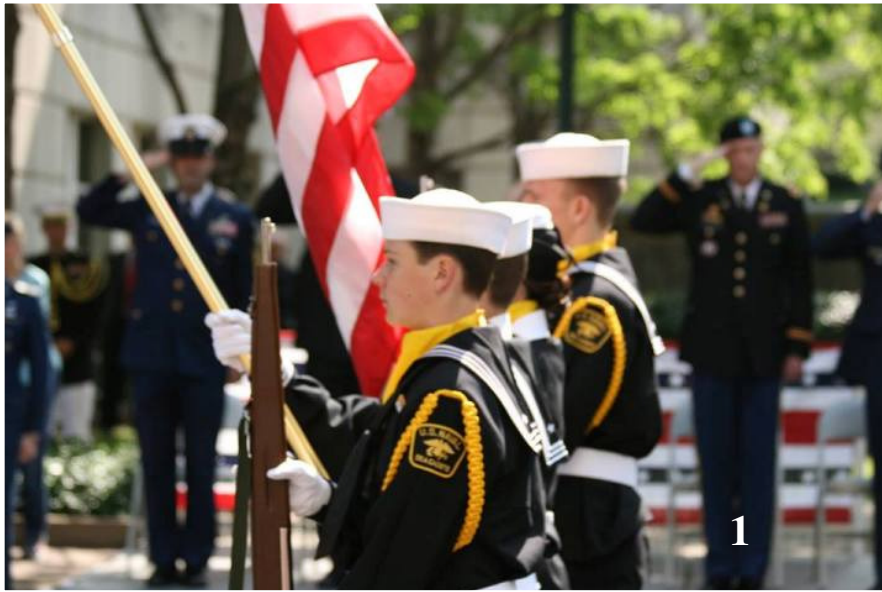


NJROTC Color Guard Howard High School (L/R): Cadet Ensign Latricia Hood; Cadet Seaman Carlos Ortiz; Cadet Petty Officer Marie Pascual and Cadet Seaman Jose Juarez.

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ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE



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1. Sea Cadet PO3 Eric Church ~ salute at the viewing stand.
2. NJROTC Howard Parade Color Guard.
3. Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Battalion crisply leading the way down Market Street.



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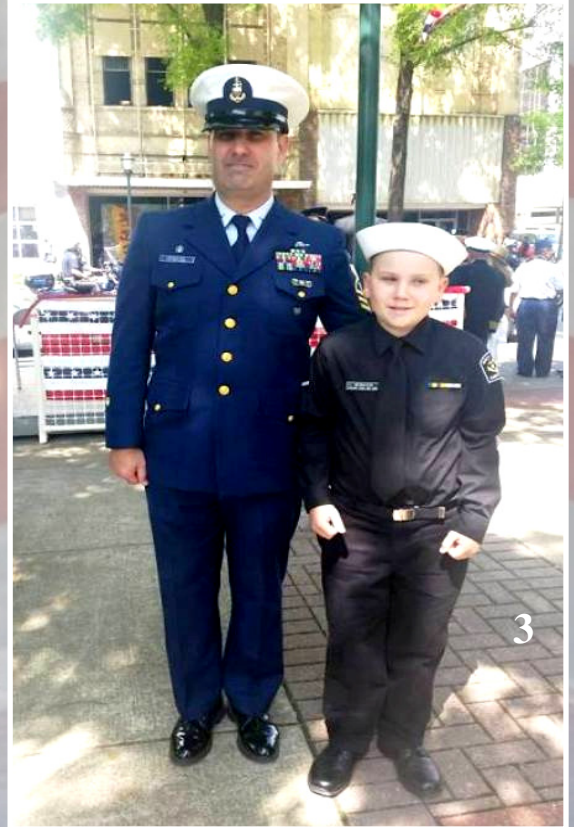
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1. NJROTC Howard Parade Battalion.
2. Ron Galante at the helm with Sea Cadets (L/R): LC4 Angel Lopez and PO3 Eric Stone.
3. 1stBMCS Sean McMahon Officer in Charge USCGC OUACHITA (WLR-655-1) and his son, LC2 Joseph McMahon (from the Hurricane Division) ready to celebrate the parade.

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A Celebration of Life

CDR Sandy McMillan, (Ret.) USN

Saturday, April 23, 2016, Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church

United States Navy Commander (Ret), George "Sandy" McKamie McMillan, Jr., 64, of Signal Mountain passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Sandy was born on May 16, 1951 in Chattanooga, TN and raised in Chickamauga, GA. He was a 1969 graduate of The McCallie School then went on to graduate from Vanderbilt University in 1973. Upon graduation he received a commission in the U.S. Navy. Sandy graduated with BUIDS Training Class 075 in Coronado on 11 February 1974 and served with UDT21 and Seal Team Two. After dedicating 20 years of service to his country, he was honorably discharged in 1993. From there he returned to Chattanooga to work with his father at Starkey Printing where he served as the company's president.

After retiring from his second career, he further dedicated his commitment to a life of service through his work with: The Daniel Ashley and Irene Houston Jewell Foundation, The Navy League, Rotary Club, YMCA, Camp Ocoee, The McCallie School, Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church while serving as an elder, and Boy Scouts of America by supporting young men in the pursuit of the rank of eagle scout which he himself had attained. Sandy was preceded in death by his parents George McMillan, Sr. and Peggy Ann Calloway McMillan.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years Kitty (Watts); sons George III (Abbey); Gordon; and Robert (Abigail); and brother Garnett.

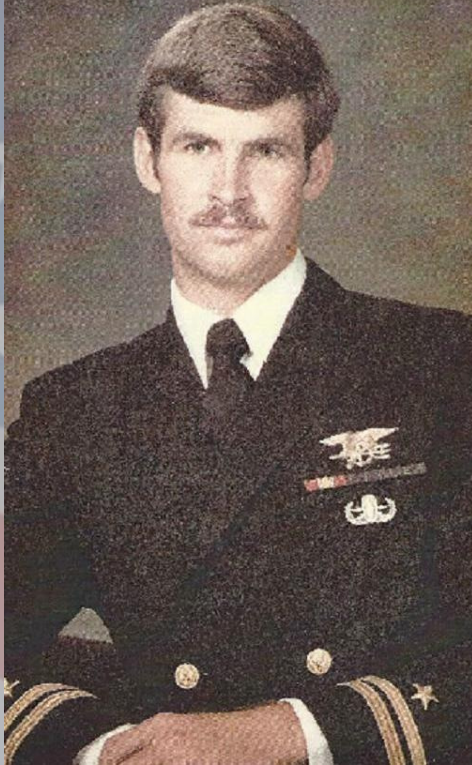
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Those who wish may make a contribution in his name to The McCallie School, Camp Ocoee, or the Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church.

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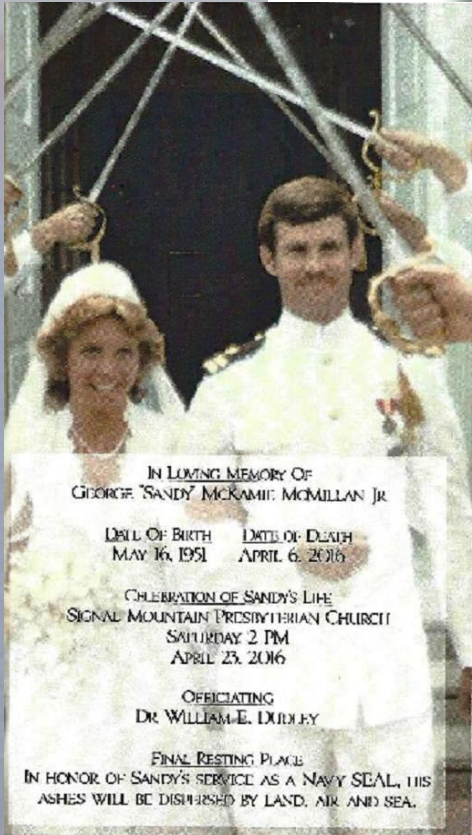
George "Sandy" McKamie
McMillan Jr.



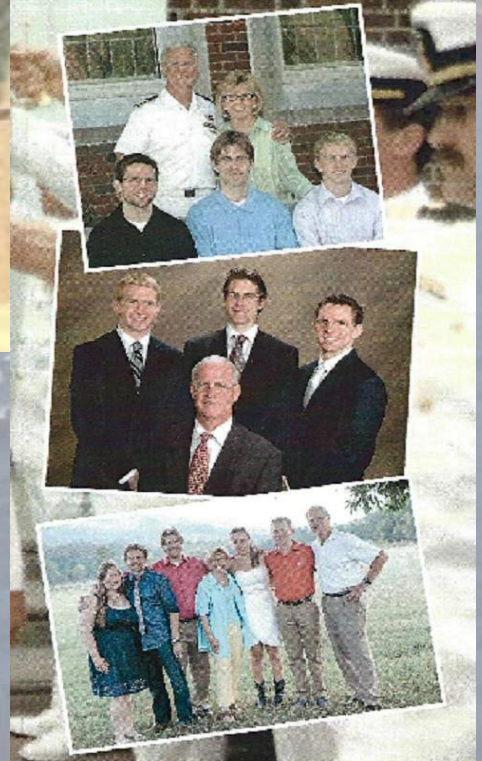
I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. Philippians 4:13



Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Westminster Shorter Catechism



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE "SANDY" MCKAMIE, MCMILLAN JR.
DATE OF BIRTH: MAY 16, 1951 DATE OF DEATH: APRIL 6, 2016
CELEBRATION OF SANDY'S LIFE
SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SATURDAY 2 PM
APRIL 23, 2016
OFFICIATING
DR. WILLIAM E. DUDLEY
FINAL RESTING PLACE
IN HONOR OF SANDY'S SERVICE AS A NAVY SEAL, HIS
ASHES WILL BE DISPERSED BY LAND, AIR AND SEA.



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