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TODAY'S YOUTH ~ TOMORROW'S FUTURE

JOIN US OCTOBER 20TH FOR OUR DINNER SOCIAL AT THE CHOO-CHOO

Message from the President



Ron Galante

Dear Navy League Members & Supporters:

At our last meeting held on September 8, I gave a presentation on the history of submarines and showed some of the pictures from our tour of the USS Tennessee SSBN-734 on June 18, 2016. Some of the pictures used during that presentation are included in this issue of *Compass Points*.

If you ever wondered why submariners wear a dolphin pin to indicate they are qualified to serve on submarines, which shows a submarine sailing through two dolphins, it is because dolphins frequently accompany submarines both on the surface and when submerged.



The incredible footage above shows a dolphin leaping in front of a new Virginia-class attack sub completing its sea trials.

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Important Dates



NAVY BALL SET FOR OCTOBER 8TH

As highlighted in the most recent *Compass Points*, on October 8th is the Navy Ball—which, for the first time, our Navy League Council has grabbed the bull-by-the-horns and is the official sponsor. We are aiming to make this Navy Ball the best one yet. The Marriott Hotel venue is superb. It would be great if as many Navy Leaguers as possible joined in to make this a real party. There is still time to climb aboard. See the announcement page later in the newsletter.

NAVY LEAGUE DINNER SET FOR OCTOBER 20TH

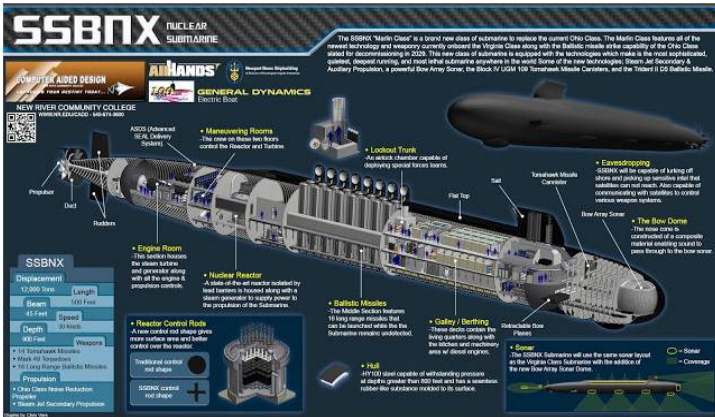
And, note this: on October 20th we will be having our Autumn Navy League Council dinner meeting next door to the Choo-Choo at the Centennial Hall Conference Center (more info on the location is on the last page of the newsletter). The featured speaker for our dinner will be Lt Commander Timothy "Tim" White of the NOSCC center. Read his abbreviated biography on a following page. His background, abilities and his performance under extreme circumstances exemplify the highest standards of service. We are tremendously honored to have him at our meeting. It would be great if our members made this the most attended dinner we have ever had.

For longer range planning, **mark this date on your calendars: December 8** -- for our holiday season social dinner. We are back to our fortuitous 8's again.

September Meeting Huge Success

For those who weren't able to make the trip to Kings Bay to visit the USS Tennessee, they were treated to the next best thing: Ron Galante's "History of Submarines" and unclassified photos of the onboard visit as the desert to our dinner meeting. Ron covered submarines from their first invention in 1600 on up to the present day and sprinkled his talk with his "inside" information on how they actually work. Tracing the financial aspect of subs, he noted how the first US Navy contract for a submarine was approximate \$236,000...and the unit cost for the new SSBN(X) class coming out in 2021 is \$68 Billion..

Yes, you read it correctly, that was a "B."



The next generation subs: the SSBN(X).

However the existing fleet and the newest SSBN's are phenomenally capable. He cited that a single SSBN has the ability to wipe out an entire country, or even a small continent -- so maybe we are getting a bargain. Of course, the whole idea of SSBN's is to make it prohibitively dangerous for any country to launch a nuclear strike thus obviating the need to use this massive power.



Security cleared inspectors of the USS Tennessee.

Now, a bit about the unclassified photos of the visit. There seems to be high level of nervousness in the government right now about classified material getting out of hand. Maybe they have been watching cable news! In any case, the promised trove of onboard photos came out to be just a few of us hanging around the sub's wardroom dinner/emergency operating table.

The Good News is that no one is going to be checking the *Compass Point* servers for anything.



Gathered around the Tennessee's wardroom dinner table -- with nothing secret in the background! If you don't like the meal, the overhead lamp is so they can do surgery.



Evolution of ballistic missiles for subs.

Message from the President

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While it certainly is a nice feeling to have a pod of dolphins providing an honor guard for your submarine, there is no truth to the myth that “If you see dolphins, it’s safe to swim there because their presence scares away sharks.” This is simply not correct. In fact, sharks and dolphins are often found near each other for a simple reason — they eat the same food, and both go where the food is.

On October 20, 2016, we have scheduled a dinner meeting for our council at the Choo-Choo in the Centennial Hall. Lt Commander Timothy “Tim” White, the commanding officer of the Naval Operations Support Center on Amnicola Highway will be our guest speaker. Further details about this dinner meeting are included later in this this issue of *Compass Points*.

At our October 20 dinner meeting we will present a slate of nominees for your review and to request if there are any others you wish to nominate as officers or directors to serve during 2017. Then during our December 8 meeting it will be time for our council to vote on a slate of officers and directors for 2017. Your attendance at these meetings is important, since it will decide who your representatives will be in 2017.

In Your Service,

Ron Galante



TRIVIA

Previous Trivia Question: Which two nations, constitutionally barred from military actions, sent money to support the Allied coalition against Iraq in 1991?

Answer: Germany and Japan.

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

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

GUEST SPEAKER



LCDR TIMOTHY WHITE

Lieutenant Commander Timothy “Tim” White is a 2002 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he earned a B.S. in English and a commission in the U.S. Navy. In February 2004, he received his wings of gold at NAS Whiting Field in Florida.

Following initial training in the MH-60S Knighthawk at Naval Air Station North Island, Tim joined the Providers of Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 5 in Guam in October 2004. During his tour with the Providers, he completed two deployments and flew Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations in support of the victims on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia during Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE following a tsunami that hit the islands of Indonesia and Thailand.

After his tour in Guam, Tim joined Training Squadron 3 at NAS Whiting Field as an instructor pilot flying the T-34C Turbo Mentor from January 2008 to October 2010.

From October 2010 to October 2011, White was Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 7/s Security Boat Detachment Officer in Charge and Legal Officer. He then worked for Joint Region Marianas as the Emergency Management Planner from November 2011 to June 2012 while in Santa Rita, Guam.

In July 2012, Tim went back to Training Squadron 3 as an instructor pilot flying the T-6B.

On April 24, 2015, Tim took command of Navy Operational Support Center Chattanooga and was involved in the response to the terrorist attack on Navy Operational Support Center Chattanooga on July 16, 2015.

Tim’s personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various campaign, unit, and service medals.

White and his wife, Franicia, have 7 beautiful children and live in Chattanooga.



Today's Youth ~ Tomorrow's Future



Chattanooga Division Seaman Hartline at seamanship training aboard the Mantra in Chicago.



Hurricane Division Chief Petty Officer Jordan Kent (first row, left) attended a 2-week submarine seminar at Kings Bay, GA. The cadets learned what it takes to become a submariner.



(L/R) Signal Mountain Sea Cadets PO2 Callie Regal, SR Jake Wertanen, and PO3 Eric Church presented the colors at the July Memorial held at the Naval Operation Support Center.



LT Stacy L. Kehoe, LTjg Lacey Hoover, and INST Josh Hoover led a 9-day Rescue Ropes training program for cadets from five states. Graduates are certified TN Rescue Operators.

Today's Youth ~ Tomorrow's Future

Sea Cadets – A Busy Summer ... and Year

One of the key and, some would say, THE KEY goal of the Navy League is to foster on-going interest and enthusiasm in and about nautical topics. The Navy League, while it celebrates our country's naval history and accomplishments, knows that engendering knowledge and interest in naval affairs in the future is where the League must put its energies. And, our primary vehicle to do this is through our support of the US Navy Sea Cadets.

Through the Sea Cadets, boys and girls in their formative teenage years gain not just nautical knowledge but, more importantly, personal life skills of working together, becoming organized, travel experience, and respect for one another and themselves: Things that in the frenetic new world of instant communication, omnipresent social media, and peer-group pressure are often lacking in their lives. What better goal for our local Navy League to support is there than to encourage participation in the Sea Cadets for the benefit of those who participate and the larger community?

Fortunately, there have been a number of volunteers who have built our local Sea Cadet resources – such that we now have 3 local “divisions.” The first one was the Chattanooga Division set up in 2004 at the Navy Operations Support Center. But we really got going in early 2012, when Stacy Kehoe (then a LTjg leader in the Sea Cadets) started up the Signal Mountain Division and then, if that was not enough, got the Hurricane Division at East Hamilton Middle/High School going in the summer of 2014. So, not too far away from any location in Chattanooga, there is a unit to which a youth can belong.

Now, the adult leaders of the 3 divisions are; LTjg Lacey Hoover - Signal Mountain; LTjg Patrick Abercrombie - Chattanooga; and Stacy L. Kehoe (now LT) leads Hurricane (East Hamilton M/HS). There are 25 adult volunteers split out into 11 officers, 13 instructors and 1 midshipman. The cadets total approximately 80 with 63 Sea Cadets (14-18 years old), and 17 League Cadets (10 -13). Maybe the newspaper would be reporting less bad news if there were a lot more kids participating.

So what do they do?

Short Answer: You cannot believe the range and diversity of activities and locations that the cadets are exposed to! Where was this when I was a kid? (Answer: no such

thing until 1962 when Sea Cadets were established).

Long Answer: Too much to report here.. but here is a partial:

A nine day Rescue Squad training program on Signal Mountain, STEM (scientific/ math) training at US Naval Academy, Personal Security workshop in Michigan, sailing on the *Mantra* in Illinois, Advanced Scuba Diving in Florida, Cyber Security training in California. And, if that wasn't enough, Stacy Kehoe took some of the cadets from all three divisions on a week-long “vacation” to balmy Parris Island, NC in August to run on the obstacle and confidence courses, shoot air rifles at the Marine in-door training range and had a full-fledged Marine drill Instructor with them every step of the way teaching them how to march and take commands “Marine-style.” This was not your “father's Oldsmobile.” However, they had some relaxation through a visit to the Marine museum and had bowling and swimming outings for team-building.

And, over the summer months, some of the higher ranking cadets were able to put their leadership skills to the ultimate test by becoming staff cadets for recruit training and cadet orientation as their requirement to be eligible for promotion to Chief Petty Officers. So, from learning new technical skills, gaining confidence in physical accomplishments, and experiencing new social challenges every cadet grows in a positive manner. What more could we ask for?



Celebrating 54 Years



Chattanooga Navy Ball

Save the Date

The U. S. NAVY BALL- October 8th – Here in Chattanooga!

LCDR Tim White, CO of the Navy Operations Support Center, to be welcoming speaker.

Our local Navy League Council is proud to serve as the host of the U. S. Navy's 241st Birthday Ball in the Chattanooga Area. The Ball will be held at the Marriott Chattanooga Downtown (2 Carter Plaza) on Saturday, October 8, 2016, 6:00 pm.

For the past twelve years, a Chattanooga U. S. Navy Birthday Ball has been held to show appreciation to our Navy heritage and to display pride and professionalism in the naval service. Dinner, music and dancing will make this evening a delight for all. Suggested attire is U. S. Navy Service Dress Blues or coat and tie for men and evening gowns for ladies. Dinner tickets are \$45 per person for U. S. Navy Officers and civilians, U. S. Navy Petty Officers (E 7-E9)/Sea Cadet Leadership and Parents are \$35 per person and U. S. Navy E1-E6 are \$25 per person. Please mail reservations to Mark Parks, 6920 Sawtooth Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894. (Checks should be made out to "Navy League US-Chattanooga").

Please join us as we celebrate 241 years of Honor, Courage and Commitment.



Honor, Courage & Commitment

September Social Event



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Featured at the September Council Dinner Meeting are:

1. Gary Meyer and Sue Galante.
2. Stacy Kehoe selling 50-50 tickets.
3. Leigh Althaus and David Smith.



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September Social Event



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Featured at the September Council Dinner Meeting are:

1. *Tom and Pat McGrath, Nancy Patterson, and Lauren Niemeyer.*
2. *Linda Rice, Ron Galante, and Willard Rice.*
3. *Vince Patterson with paddle from USS Tennessee SSBN-734.*



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September Social Event



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Featured at the September Council Dinner Meeting are:

1. *John Niemeyer and Vince Patterson.*
2. *Brainard and Louise Cooper, Mickey McCamish.*
3. *Mark and Patty Parks.*
4. *Alden and Carolene Perry.*



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TO CENTENNIAL HALL:

As you enter the Choo-Choo compound and are driving toward the Choo-Choo parking lot, the Centennial Hall is in the building on the left.



Autumn Dinner Social
Thursday, October 20, 2016
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Centennial Hall
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, Colors, Pledge of Allegiance
- 6:45 PM Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 PM Guest Speaker ~ LCDR Timothy White
- 8:15 PM 50/50 Drawing and Announcements
- 8:30 PM Retire the Colors and Adjourn

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at right, for the October 20th Autumn 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, October 20th.** Mark may also be reached at mparks@epbfi.com.

Cancellations should reach us NO LATER THAN NOON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016.

OCTOBER 20, 2016
DINNER RESERVATION FORM
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Centennial Hall
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**:

Reservations should reach us NO LATER THAN NOON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016.

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

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