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President's Message

Stacy Kehoe, President

Fellow Navy Leaguers...

Happy New Year! As your newly, elected President, I want to thank Mickey McCamish for his leadership and dedication for the past two years. Our council has greatly benefited.

A new year means new things. One of my new things in 2019 is that I have been given a clean bill of health and declared "Cancer Free!" I want to personally thank all of you for your prayers and well wishes. I truly appreciated all of the support.

We are starting off the New Year with a budget which includes plans that will fund all of our mission areas for the year!! As you know, the Navy League has three missions: (1) to enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families; (2) to inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and (3) to support youth

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NL Board Meeting	Feb 11
Navy Band—Soddy Daisy HS.....	Feb 16
Member Dinner Meeting	Feb 21
NL Board Meeting	March 11
Joint Navy League/MOAA Dinner	April 18
Armed Forces Day Parade	May 3
USS TN visit (tentative).....	May 31-June 1

MEMBER DINNER Feb 21

Keith Hardison to Speak

Our first Council dinner meeting for 2019 is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, at the Walden Club at 6 p.m. Always a delightful place to gather, the Walden Club can be relied on to provide a delicious dinner along with the beginnings of a sunset view over the city. Spring is coming....maybe!

We'll have some business to attend to: Shane Pilcher and Edward Shropshire, director nominees to the Council's Board, will be voted on with Ed also to function as Vice President. Also, if everyone's personal schedule aligns, you'll meet recently joined (elected at the Annual Meeting) new directors Bill Conner and Bruce Weeks and our new chaplain, Keith McLeod.

Dinner speaker will be Keith Hardison who was recently appointed Executive Director of the Medal of Honor Center which celebrated its ground breaking at a Jan 17 news

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NLUS Greater Chattanooga Officers & Directors for 2019
 (L to R) Stacy Kehoe, Bruce Weeks, Alden Perry, Ron Galante, David Smith, Joe Holloway,
 Mark Parks, Mickey McCamish, Dan Saieed, Bill Conner, Willard Rice, Billy Hewitt
 (Not in photo: Jim Fields, Larson Mick and Keith McLeod) assembled at Annual Dinner

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.....Next Member Meeting - Feb 21

and communicated that the goal is to have a center meriting national attention with the quality such stature would require. Ground breaking at a Jan 17 news conference and communicated that the goal is to have a center meriting national attention with the quality such stature would require. The new Medal of Honor Center would be a spectacular place to have a Navy League get-together someday! Be the first on your block to know all about it.

Get your Dinner reservations in to **Ron Galante** (he is substituting for Mark Parks for this dinner.) Remember **Parking is FREE after 6 pm**

Details on last page of this issue.

Officers & Directors Elected for 2019

Stacy Kehoe — President
David Smith — Secretary
Mark Parks —Treasurer
**Mickey McCamish — Director &
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Ron Galante — Director
Billy Hewitt — Director -Legislative Affairs
Alden Perry — Director -Military Affairs
**Joe Holloway — Director -Membership &
 Retention**
Dan Saieed — Director -Programs
Willard Rice — Director -Compass Points
Larsen Mick — Director
Bill Conner — Director—Youth Programs
Bruce Weeks — Director -Fund Raising
Keith McLeod—Chaplain

Directors to be voted on at Feb 21 Meeting.....

We are pleased to announce that 2 more members have stepped forward to join our Board. At the Feb 21 meeting, there will be an election to decide upon these members who have been nominated for addition to our board: Shane Pilcher as Director and Edward Shropshire as Director- Vice President.

Edward L. Shropshire

Edward Shropshire joined the US Navy in 1969 after graduating from Chattanooga High School. As a radioman, he was stationed in such exotic places as Key West, Florida, the CNO's Communication Center at the Pentagon, Nantucket Island, and Sardinia, Italy. A stint on Navy recruiting duty in Alexandria Virginia rounded out his exposure to another aspect of Navy service. Retiring from the Navy in 1989, he lived in Massachusetts returning to Chattanooga in 2000.

Ed is a life member of DAV, Vietnam Veterans of America, served on the Board of Directors Chapter 203 and was product sales coordinator, member of the honor guard and missing man team. Additionally, he participated in the Associates Vietnam Veterans of America is a past member of the American Legion Post 95 where he served on the honor guard and is member of AMVETS Post 96. Married to his lovely wife, Euretha, Ed resides in Ooltewah, TN, and enjoys fishing and traveling.



***Both Ed Shropshire and Shane Pilcher served
in the US Navy***

Shane Pilcher

Shane Pilcher brings to the Navy League a wealth of experience in the Navy plus experience in an industry even bigger than the Navy—health care! And, in particular, he has been focusing on integration of information systems technology into that industry's many challenges.

With 8 active duty Navy years commencing in 1990, Shane began his career as an EMT, Navy Corpsman, Respiratory Therapist and then Intelligence Specialist. While in the Reserves in 2003 he transitioned to a new specialty: intelligence. Part of that portion of his career was serving as an Intelligence Specialist on a special Joint Task Force in Iraq and then serving as the Leading Chief over the Naval Intelligence Reserve Region Southeast's Intelligence Training program. He retired in 2011 as a Chief with 21 years of active and reserve service.

His civilian career has included helping hospitals across the country implement and optimize electronic medical records systems.

In 2015, Shane joined Siskin Hospital where he serves as their Administrative Director of Information Systems and Chief Information Officer. He has earned Certified Healthcare Chief Information Officer (CHCIO) certification from the College of Healthcare Information Executives (CHIME), Fellowship designation from Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society and an MBA from University of Tennessee in Chattanooga.

Dive ! Dive !! Dive !!!

Visit USS Tennessee in Kings Bay

This is a "Heads Up" for a possible trip to Kings Bay GA to visit the USS Tennessee SSBN 734 May 30 - June 1. Arrangements are not yet confirmed so be aware there will surely be an update to the information presented here.

Navy Leaguers who did the trip back in June 2016 can attest to the outing being one of the highlights of the year. Going aboard an active duty "boomer" ICBM submarine is a unique experience.



Very few people get to do this, but our Ron Galante knows the ropes and knows how to get this done.

We rode down there on a luxury bus- departing on a Friday morning and arriving in late afternoon. First thing on the agenda was a dinner at the Millhouse restaurant with a half dozen members of the Blue/Gold crew. Then night at the Kings Bay Sleep Inn motel. Next morning after breakfast we went through utmost security checks at the Navy base and went aboard the dry-docked USS Tennessee.

Lunch was at the base dining facility for sub crews followed by a visit to the immense shore-sited training center featuring such delights as getting out of a flooded engine room. Then we high-tailed it back to Chattanooga --- A lot of bus miles but never a dull moment with your favorite submarine DVDs and camarade your with your buddies plus unlimited snacks selected/ provided by maître D', Ron.

Now this might not be exactly how it all goes down on this trip but it should be something like this.

For now, just pencil in the dates on your calendar and be alert for bulletins on the topic.

Keith Hardison

To Speak at Feb 21 Member Dinner



Keith Hardison, Executive Director of the Charles. H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center

With more than 35 years of experience in leading museums, historic sites, and historical agencies, Keith supervised the design and construction of the \$2.5M Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum in the late 1990s and the \$25M Capital Park Branch, Louisiana State Museum in 2006.

He directed all aspects of the operation of the North Carolina Division of State Historic Sites and Properties, a statewide system of 23 historic sites encompassing 250 structures on 3,300 acres from 2006-2018. While in North Carolina, he also co-chaired the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration and directed the design and construction of the \$3M CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center.

Keith received his Bachelor of Arts in History from David Lipscomb University in Nashville and his Master of Arts in Museum Science from Texas Tech University. He is a native of Nashville and has also lived in Memphis, Knoxville, and finally Chattanooga, his childhood favorite vacation spot. His loves include his wife of over twenty years, Angela and their historically-named dogs. Keith enjoys whitewater rafting, Tennessee football, travel, and Doo-wop music.



USS Tennessee SSBN 734 casting off

DUES ARE DUE

As you probably know, there are two parts to Navy League dues. The main one is the "national" dues which support and are collected by the national organization in Washington DC. They mail annual "re-up" reminders to members in the anniversary month of each member's membership. Those dues fund the national organization's activities in support of the Sea Services.

The other part (and the real reason for this article!) is that "local" dues for 2019 are now due. Local dues are used by our Chattanooga Council to help pay for our operating expenses, support of Sea Cadets, NJROTC programs and support of our local Active Duty Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard members. Local Dues are \$15 per member or \$20 per couple (if both are members).

You can pay by mailing a check made out to "NLUS Chattanooga" to the following address:

Mark Parks, Treasurer
6920 Sawtooth Drive
Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894

A timely inflow of dues helps make our operations run smoother! Thanks go out to these members who have already sent in their **Happy New Year 2019 local dues**.



Chattanooga National Cemetery—Dec 15, 2018
Our members' contributions helped

Council Commemorative Challenge Coin on sale at Feb 21 Dinner

At the February 21st member meeting at the Walden Club, we will be offering FOR THE FIRST TIME our handsome Council challenge coin for \$5. This commemorative coin, which was struck specifically for the 2018 Navy Ball, has never been offered before – other than getting one at the Ball.

Previous challenge coin issues have always been priced at \$10. As a special reward to the February dinner attendees, you'll be able to get one of these handsome coins at \$5 -- **half the normal price**. Get one before they are gone!



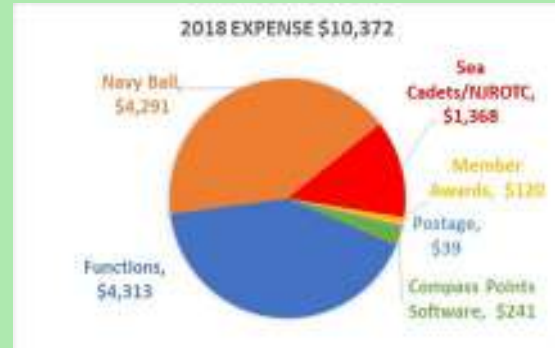
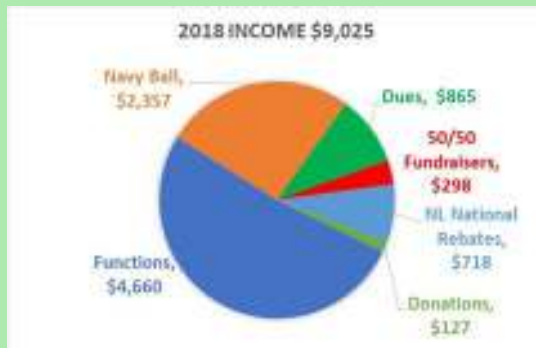
Wreath Project Report

Navy League Members Step Up Over \$1600 Raised

Between September and December, members of our Council got behind the **Wreaths Across Chattanooga** project. Our initial goal—or, more accurately, hope — was to generate \$1500 in contributions from Navy Leaguers.. By the December 15 wreath laying, our members' gifts totaled \$1610. A **big thank you** to the 35 members who helped make this happen and the many who helped put the wreaths out on Dec 15 and later collected them.

Overall, the **Wreaths Project** in Chattanooga raised \$103,000 and placed just over 10,000 wreaths at the Chattanooga National Cemetery honoring the service men and women buried there. Mickey McCamish was instrumental in achieving that community-wide total.

Council Annual Report for 2018



Our Council's financial position shrunk a little in 2018. As the above charts show, our income (rounded to the dollar) was \$9025 while expenses were \$10,372 resulting in a loss of \$1347. Most of this change in position was due to Navy Ball expenses running above the income received from the Ball. Specifically, Ball revenue was \$2357 versus expense of \$4291. Inside of those numbers, there was skillful reduction in Ball expense from \$9411 in 2017 to \$4291 in 2018.

The most important factor that affected the Navy Ball financials was that in 2018 we had no specific Ball fund raising while, in 2017, we raised \$10,046 by staffing beer tents at Riverbend. However, our overall assets remain strongly positive due to the amounts remaining from that stellar fund raising activity. Our year-end cash balance was \$18,944 while our year starting position had been \$20,292.

Navy Ball

This year the Navy Ball committee again accomplished a home run by selecting the Chattanooga Convention Center for our event. The dinner was delicious, the room decorative and the entertainment engaging and fun. America Henry thrilled us with an A cappella rendering of the national anthem and kept things moving along through adroit handling of Master of Ceremonies responsibilities.

Radio personality Ted Gocke energized the audience with his kinetic impersonations/story telling. For the second year, Ron Galante demonstrated his many talents by designing and getting cast the supremely handsome challenge coin that every attendee received as a keepsake.

As a result, the Navy Ball was a tremendous success with nearly 100 attendees. It is recognized that, going forward, we will need to create new fundraising resources in order to keep the Navy Ball at the quality level we have been achieving

Meetings

We held four regular dinner member meetings and a special lunch at our new venue, the Walden Club. The special lunch was for the USS Tennessee "Gold" crew in town for Navy Week. This was a 'thank you' for hosting us aboard the USS Tennessee SSBN 734 back in 2016. It was great to rub shoulders with the

Council Annual Report 2018 ... continued

Navy all week and especially to have the Navy's 2nd Fleet Band here for the entire duration --playing every day.

Dinner speakers CDR Joey Tanner USN, Capt Patrick Sansbury USMC and USCG Master Chief Sean McMahon connected us to the active parts the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard in a tangible, informative/educational and entertaining way. Dirk Ames briefed us on the Howard NJROTC unit, the region's most improved NJROTC battalion. They are welcome back anytime. It was rewarding to learn that Calle Regal, one of "our" Sea Cadets and often a presence at our dinners handling Colors, had snared a National Sea Cadet Scholarship that can add up to \$10,000 over four years.

In Memoriam

The year was not without sadness due to passing of John (Jack) J Spittler, the principal founder of our Council. Back in 2002, he was the dynamo who, along with the other initial directors, got our Council up and going.

Another long-term key pillar of our Council who passed "beyond the bar" was Mary B Dall who, in her quiet, behind-the-scenes way, was the dynamo communicating our mission to our members and others who read *Compass Points*. Her graphic designs made the *Compass Points* a publication attractive to read – a standard we're trying to uphold.

Foundation for the future

Finally, to close on a positive note: Mickey McCamish passed the baton to new Council President, Stacy Kehoe, in December after two years at the helm. Mickey has many responsibilities and roles in the Chattanooga community but he made the Navy League his Priority Number One. Most visible was building on the foundation Ron Galante had created when we took on the Navy Ball's management under emergency conditions. Getting it onto solid financial ground gave us the breathing space to contemplate its future.

And, our Council is delighted that we have added new energy and enthusiasm for the Navy League by adding Directors Bruce Weeks, Shane Conner and Chaplain Keith McLeod to the board in late 2018.

A goal for the coming year is to increase our efforts to add to our membership. Every member can help. Encourage / invite friends to a dinner. The Walden Club is a great place to show off the city..

Talk it up.

One More Thing

This past year, the U.S. Navy became front page news when the life stories of John McCain III and President George H.W. Bush were told. For these men, as for so many others, their characters and life missions were greatly influenced in a positive way by their experiences in the Navy. While we were all saddened by their passing, the forging of their characters by the Navy was an inspiration. Perhaps this drawing tells the story the best.



Memories 2018



“Stairway to Heaven” —the Coke stage. US Navy put Chattanooga on its map.



Ed & Willard — Gullible volunteers on New Years Eve 2017/2018 at “West Village” drafted for duty based on reputation of Navy League Riverbend beer tent ID checking crew. No one told us this would be Chatt’s annual 20 degree eve.



Mickey & Carol at the Ball ...Wreath laying with MOAAer Chris Dooley.....
.....at Riverbend with Emily Casullo, reporter WDEF ch 12at Ball with Ted Gocke spinning a tall tale

Always looks sharp in his uniform.....Does he own any civies?

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president's message**Continued from page 1*

through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Junior ROTC that expose young people to the values of our sea services.

In looking back at the accomplishments for 2018, I am delighted that we had the resources to do so much thanks to those of you who continued your Navy League membership (we get a rebate from National for each member).

We supported the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps' Chattanooga Division and the Howard High School's Navy JROTC youth programs.

The Greater Chattanooga Navy League Council chartered "new waters" and had our first Marine as a guest speaker in February, CAPT Patrick Sansbury. He had a great presentation on the history of the Marine Corps, the officer version of their recruit training and showed us great pictures of Marine equipment. After his presentation, he gave us a quiz on his presentation and challenge coins and other memorabilia.

In April, during our youth award's night, LCDR Dirk Ames, USCG, (ret) was our guest speaker. He briefed us on the NJROTC program. It was fascinating to learn their history. We also honored our youth at the April Award's dinner and presented Mark and Patty Parks with the "Sandy McMillan Award" for their dedication and hard work for our Council.

In June, we had an impromptu luncheon with some of the USS TN Blue Crew at the Walden Club as they were here for Navy Week. Mickey McCamish was instrumental in putting this together.

In August, we had our first "Coastie" guest speaker, BMCM Sean A. McMahon, who is currently assigned as the Officer-In-Charge of the USCGC

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OUACHITA, in Chattanooga, TN. We enjoyed learning about our local Coast Guard Station..

October was a busy month for us as we hosted the 243rd's Navy Birthday at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Also, in October, we held our dinner meeting on October 19th at the Walden Club wherein our Council members enjoyed hearing from CDR Joey Tanner, the Commanding Officer of NOSC Chattanooga. He wore his aviator jacket for us and gave a fantastic presentation on Navy and Marine Aviation.

At the end of the November, we held our Annual Meeting where our new Board of Officers/Directors were elected and installed. We also had the pleasure of Chief Mass Communications America Henry playing her cello — filling our room with music and singing some Christmas songs. Our Council members raised \$1610 for Wreaths Across Chattanooga and we also worked with the other area Veterans organizations in planning a wonderful, Armed Forces Day Parade, Memorial Day ceremony, Fourth of July Parade, and Veterans Day Ceremonies.

Given our accomplishments, I'd say that all of us, as Greater Chattanooga Council members, have much to be proud of this past year. Thank you so very much for your support of our Council and our many activities, and I hope we can count on your continued support in 2019!!

As always, let us remember the courageous men and women who put their lives in harm's way every day, whether at home or abroad, in defense of our freedom. I wish each of you a very happy and healthy 2019.

Fair winds and following seas to you all for the New Year.....

Stacy



Annual Meeting Festivities

Christmas & Holiday Celebrants



Earl & Harriette Hereford



Ed Shropshire



America Henry



Bill & Hang Conner with Dirk Ames



Dan Saieed



Alden & Carolene Perry



Pat & Tom McGrath with Willard & Linda Rice

Dinner photos by Patty Parks & Stacy Kehoe

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Karen & Joe Holloway



Dave Smith



Sue & Ron Galante



America Henry & Stacy Kehoe



Kitty & Nick Bayman

Annual Meeting Festivities

Christmas & Holiday Celebrants



Vance & Charlynne Fry
with Mickey McCamish



Paula Horne
& Billy Hewitt



Mark & Patty
Parks



Nancy & Vince Patterson



Bruce Weeks

Dinner photos by Patty Parks & Stacy Kehoe

Annual Meeting Festivities

Wild Times



Only 26 more shopping days until Christmas and Stacy had already scooped up everything !



Billy.. "What the heck?"



Joe "If it was a little bigger, I could sail down the Tennessee from Lenoir City"



Tom " I can see the future with this"



Billy herding cats

Make Plans Now to Join Us

COUNCIL DINNER

Thursday, February 21, 2019



*Republic Center, 633 Chestnut Street, Suite 2100
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37450*

Buffet featuring 2 Entrée selections, sides, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee.

Social Time (CC purchase via waitress)	6:00 PM
Welcome (Members & Guests please take seats).....	6:30 PM
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	6:35 PM
Buffet Dinner.....	6:45 PM
Election of Board Nominees.....	7:30 PM
Speaker: Keith Hardison, Exec Director	
Medal of Honor Center.....	7:45 PM
50/50 Raffle/ Final Announcements.....	8:20 PM
Adjournment.....	8:30 PM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, below,



RESERVATION FORM

COUNCIL DINNER MEETING

Thursday, Tuesday February 19, 2019

NLUS Members:	_____ X	\$30.00 =	\$ _____ .00
Non-Member Guests	_____ X	\$40.00 =	\$ _____ .00

Please **print** the names of all guests and members:

Reservations may be **phoned** in to Ron Galante: (land line) 423-886-5091 or (mobile) 423-595-5153, **no later than NOON, Tuesday, February 19**. Reservations and/or cancellations should **reach** us **NO LATER THAN NOON, TUESDAY, February 19, 2018**. Mail reservation form, along with your check, made payable to *Chattanooga Navy League*, to:

Ron Galante
1 Ballard Bluff
Signal Mountain, TN 37277-2288



Or pay, via **PayPal**, by logging on to our website:

www.chattanooganavyleague.org

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

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OUR MISSION

- Educate community leaders about the importance of Sea Power to our nation's survival and continued prosperity
- Directly support the men and women serving in the Navy Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.
- Support Sea Service family members: parents, spouses, children and other relatives of service members
- Support the youth of our communities by giving time, talent, and money to Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Navy & Marine Corps Junior ROTC units

