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## President's Message

Stacy Kehoe –President

Fellow Navy Leaguers ...

Adapt and overcome.” That is what we are called to do. Covid-19 has proven to a menacing entity in our lives. “To mask or not mask,” that is the question. Regardless of Covid-19, we wash our hands, thoroughly, wear the masks when social distancing is not possible, and sanitize.

Our March and April dinner plans were postponed, and we eventually made it to June. Our outdoor, picnic meeting was a success. We had BCMC McMahan attend, and he was gifted with a Quilt of Valor. We gifted him with a Navy League Council Challenge Coin.

Our honored guest, LCDR Remillard attended and gave us an update with Navy news. We gifted him a TN State History Book and a Chal-

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## Meeting with Congressman Chuck Fleischmann

**With MOAA August 25th**

On August 25<sup>th</sup> the local MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) Chapter is holding a dinner meeting at the Walden Club. The honored guest speaker is US Congressman Chuck Fleishmann. MOAA has extended an invitation to Navy League members

Those who have attended in the past can attest to the value of hearing directly from someone who is intimately connected to what is going on in Washington and the affect those “goings-on” have on the sea services. It is greatly appreciated that MOAA makes this available to us.

We are aware of the complexities and risks of attending a large group meeting in person. So MOAA is providing 2 ways to

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lenge Coin as he will soon transition out of TN and into chartered waters. A new CO will come aboard NOSC Chattanooga in September.

At the end of July, the USS Quachita held a Change of Command ceremony. I felt honored to attend and not only congratulate BCMC McMahon on a job well done, but I was also able to meet the new Officer in Charge, Senior Chief Kruithoff. Senior Chief and his family just moved here from Detroit, MI.

We have an upcoming dinner meeting on 25 AUG at the Walden Club. Whether you are there in person or by "Zoom," please make plans to attend and visit Congressman Chuck Fleischmann. He is attending in person and wants to see many participants.

As Covid-19 flows through our communities, we must stay engaged with one another. Please consider staying in touch with one another so we can stay connected.

In Kindest Regards,

Stacy Kehoe, Council President  
U S Navy League - Greater Chattanooga Council

**With MOAA.....**

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attend: In person with substantial health protection provisions or via an on-line Zoom connection. Either way you will be able to see & hear what Rep Fleishmann has to say and ask questions.

In a information box below you will see what the Walden Club is doing to maximize safety at the meeting. Attendees will need to decide whether these are adequate for their needs and for protection of others.

The meeting starts at 6 pm with social time and dinner at 6:45 pm and Rep Fleishmann's address is at 7:30 pm.

For those who wish to attend by ZOOM, send an e-mail to Stacy Kehoe by August 20th. She will send you the log-on details that MOAA has set up. We are not putting them into this document for security reasons. Stacy's e-mail is: [slk40ax@gmail.com](mailto:slk40ax@gmail.com)

For those who plan to attend the meeting in person, the DEADLINE for doing so is August 20. The reservation must be made DIRECTLY to MOAA and PAYMENT by check received by August 20. There is no provision to show up and pay at the event. Navy League is NOT your contact. You are a guest of MOAA.

The address for reservations and payment at MOAA is: CDR Jim Hargrove, 1739 Bayfront Drive, Soddy Daisy TN 37379. The reservation part can be made by e-mail to [jhargrove@epbfi.com](mailto:jhargrove@epbfi.com) See form on last page.

## Walden Club Health Safety Plan

The Walden Club Manager has provided this information about their plans for health safety:  
"Per the orders of Hamilton County Health Department:

- We are required to seat tables at least six feet apart from the next table.
- There are to be no more than ten seated at one table. (Plan is 6)
- Guests must wear masks from the time of entrance into the building until they are seated.
- If the guests leave the table for any reason, the mask must be put back on.
- Staff will wear gloves and masks for the entirety of work.
- Staff will sanitize every seat and table once the guests leave them.
- Staff will sanitize high traffic areas at least every two hours."

## June 25th Picnic –Meeting *It happened!*

Back on June 25th, which seems like such a long time ago, we had a great Navy League meeting at the Tennessee Riverpark alongside the Tennessee River. Being there under the shady trees with the river rushing by providing us a cooling breeze made us appreciate one of the magical things about Chattanooga that we all too often fail to take advantage of. Gotta get back there again!

We gathered at the well-spaced out picnic area that is close to the Wreath of Honor “Fallen Five” monument. Three things were accomplished:

1. We had an impromptu Board meeting since Stacy Kehoe, Jim Fields, David Smith, Larson Mick and Willard Rice were there mostly lamenting the interruption that the Covid pandemic had imposed on our meeting plans this spring and the uncertainties for future ones. We recognized that our previous hope for a Navy Ball in October are not to be. We are still hoping that a Holiday/ Christmas Annual Member can be held in December.

2. There were bright parts of our picnic which we held with plenty of social distancing. That was no problem. Stacy had arranged through the Quilts of Valor organization for a beautiful quilt to be presented to Coast Guard Master Chief Sean McMahon, CO of the local Coast Guard Station and the Q>>>>>. He is retiring this summer so we got this to him just in time. As adjacent photos illustrate, his Change of Command happened just a couple weeks ago.

3. The other highlight was LCDR Joey Remillard’s presentation to us about the Navy. His talk had been postponed repeatedly since our meeting in February was cancelled due to SNOW (Can you believe it!!). Then it was put off over and over due to health guidance restrictions (Walden Club was closed for meetings).



**The Chief is all smiles**

Good thing we found a way to do an outdoor meeting with full safety precautions since we learned that he is moving on to a new assignment shortly—in Diego Garcia. That’s where the supplies for operations in the Indian Ocean from Australia to the Middle East are stashed. We figured we couldn’t meet with him there so we better get his special award for all he has done for the Reserve Navy, now.

We presented him with Challenge Coin and a TN state history book to peruse on long weekends in Diego Garcia.



**LCDR Joey Remillard, CO of the NOSC, with TN State History book—next stop: Diego Garcia**



**The beautiful quilt being shown by Mary Ann Ashley of the Quilt of Valor organization to the Chief McMahon and wife, Sandy**



**Chief McMahon with Stacy Kehoe**

## Coast Guard Change of Command

In late July Council President Stacy Kehoe attended the Change of Command ceremony at the US Coast Guard Station in Chattanooga, TN. Capt Amy Beach, Commander, Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley made the opening remarks. Master Chief McMahon changed command with Senior Chief Kruithoff, the new Officer in Charge.

Both families were present as well as a host of other guests. CY Kruithoff moves here from Detroit, MI. Master Chief McMahon gifted CY Kruithoff with a TN Vols t-shirt to welcome him to TN. LT Jamal Scarlett, Chaplain, gave the Invocation and the Benediction during the ceremony. We thank Master McMahon for his 30 years in the Army and Coast Guard.



Council President Stacy Kehoe flanked by Chief Kruithoff & Master Chief McMahon (on right)



The Crew is ready for the new CO !

From the *Navy Times*...



## The Ike

**USS Dwight D Eisenhower  
back home following 200  
consecutive days at sea**

photo by MC1 Jason Pastrick/Navy

Sailors assigned to aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower man the rails as the ship returns to Naval Station Norfolk after a regularly scheduled deployment in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet. The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group has remained underway as a ready carrier strike group during the COVID-19 global pandemic (wrapping up a seven-month tour in which they operated in U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet).

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- 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

**Our Supported Units**



**You are invited to**

**MOAA Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 25th 2020**  
**at 1800**  
**The Walden Club**  
**600 Chestnut Street**  
**Chattanooga TN**

**Social Period..1800**  
**Dinner:.....1845**  
**Program: .....1930**

**Please join us to hear Congressman Chuck Fleischmann either in – person or with Zoom**

**RESERVATION FORM — Tuesday, August 25, 2020 Dinner**

Name (Rank if military) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse /Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Dinners @ \$35.00 ...\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Dinner(s)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund Contribution

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Overall

Reservations are due NLT Thursday, August 20,2020. Mail this reservation form with check to CDR Jim Hargrove, 1739 Bayfront Dr., Sody Daisy, TN 37378. Make check payable to MOAA, Chattanooga Chapter. Reservations may be e-mailed to [jhargrove@epbf.com](mailto:jhargrove@epbf.com)

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