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President's Message

David B Smith –

.Holiday Greetings Chattanooga Navy League Members and Families —

During the fourth quarter of the year tis the time of the Holiday Season to be joyful and enjoy fellowship with one another over Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and beginning of the New Year. May all of us find peace and tranquility while enjoying these festive times with our family and friends. Please keep in mind during this time our people who serve our Nation in the Military and continue to support each of them now and into the future. Also, please take a moment each day to be thankful we live in a Nation that has many freedoms which other countries do not have in their governing nations. Our Military personnel support

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Annual Member Dinner & Election

Dec 2nd



As you will soon realize, the focus of this issue is about the December 2 **Annual Member Meeting** at 6 pm. This is the most important Navy League meeting of the year. Let's gather and rebuild our sea service community.

It is sure to be the best gathering of our Chattanooga Navy League in the past two years. A great program has been put together by David Smith and Stacy Kehoe. Of course, as readers of the *Compass Points* must know, this dinner meeting has an important business purpose -- namely the **Election of our Officers and Directors** for the coming year. We need you for that!

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keeps us free. Remember Freedom is not free and to maintain the status of freedom a large number of our Military men and women have given up their eternal lives for our Country to maintain freedom around the globe. I, for one, am proud to be an American citizen who has been able to serve in the U. S. Military.

As many of you are aware that on December 2nd our Council's Annual Dinner Meeting/Holiday Party at the Walden Club will begin at 6:00 pm. I want to encourage all members with their guests to attend this meeting for the following reasons: (1) Election of the 2022 Officers/Directors by the membership, (2) Introduction of new members, and (3) Special entertainment arrangements where twelve of The Scenic City Dancers will perform snippets from their performance of the Nutcracker ballet. This meeting is the highlight of the year and as President I am requesting support from the membership to provide an outstanding attendance.

Other events coming up in the fourth quarter not covered above are: Board Meeting on December 1st and Laying of Wreaths Across Chattanooga at the National Cemetery on December 18th.

Best wishes to all for this holiday season

David B Smith



Annual Meeting

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The **highlight** of the evening will be a special performance by 12 members of the **Scenic City Dance Club** which will present excerpts from their seasonal Nutcracker program that they are doing around the city. How they are going to do this is a mystery! But, isn't the Christmas Holiday season all about surprises? You won't want to miss this.

Party Time

There will be plenty of room. The Walden Club is reserving their entire dining/ball room for us so there will be plenty of space for the dancers and for all of us. The Walden Club will surely be decked out in holiday splendor. There is hardly a better place to take in the city and all its sparkling lights.

The only thing missing will be**SNOW** -- and **YOU**, if you don't come. Get your **Reservation** in -- Details on page 9 .

Chattanooga Navy League New Sponsorship Support Program

Over the past several months the Chattanooga Navy League Board has been developing a **new Sponsorship** Program for individuals and companies to support our Council's mission. To accomplish this goal, our Council has developed five levels of Sponsorships which are described on pages 4 and 5,.

Navy League of Greater Chattanooga—Election

Candidates for the 2021-2122 Year

- David B. Smith President
- open.....Vice President
- Stacy Kehoe ... Director & Immediate Past President & Programs/Fund/Raisers
- ..
- Erin CraneSecretary
- Pam Ann Morgan..Treasurer
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Voting will be in person at the December 2, 2021 Annual Member Meeting

A thank you to our corporate sponsors



A letter from David B Smith –Council President



Navy League of the United States Greater Chattanooga Council

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Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

*U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard
& U.S. Flag Merchant Marine*

The National U. S. Navy League was established in 1902 with the support of President Theodore Roosevelt and is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports American's sea services: Navy, Marine Corp. Coast Guard and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine. The organization is a powerful voice to educate the public and Congress of importance to our nation's defense, well-being, and economic prosperity. See the National website for more information: www.navyleague.org.

Our Mission Statement: Educate community leaders about the importance of Sea Power to our nation's survival and continued prosperity. Directly support the people serving in the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Support Sea Service family members: The parents, spouses, children, and other relatives of service members. Support the youth of our communities by giving time, talent and money to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Naval & Marine Corps Junior ROTC units. Several years ago, our Council adopted the USS Tennessee (SSBN 734), homeported at Navy Station Kings Bay, GA (Submarine Base) to support the Gold and Blue Crews family-centered gatherings and direct material/financial support.

To Chattanooga Navy League Members ---

Please consider signing up as an individual sponsor.

SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT FOR NAVY LEAGUE U. S. GREATER CHATTANOOGA COUNCIL

Our local Chattanooga Navy League Council is currently seeking individuals and commercial companies to become Sponsors in the Chattanooga surrounding areas to support our Mission Statement. To accomplish this goal our Council has developed below various levels of Sponsorships that an individual and/or a commerce company may select as follows:

Sponsor- \$50 up to \$ 249.99

Bronze Sponsor - \$250 up to \$499.99

Silver Sponsor- \$500 up to \$999.99

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Gold Sponsor - \$1,000 up to \$1,999.99

Platinum Sponsor - \$2,000 Up



Sponsorship is for a one-year term beginning on the date the Sponsorship level is paid. Our Councils newsletter Compass Points and website will list the categories of Sponsor Levels with the individual's name or Company name. All sponsorships will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and will show on the Dinner Meeting Brochures. **For the Silver, Gold, or Platinum Sponsor Levels**, our Council will also include the Company logo in our newsletter Compass Points, Programs, and on the Council website.

Historically, the Chattanooga area has a great Military History and its citizens, local government, and businesses have gone to great lengths to support our local Military Sea Services organizations (Chattanooga Coast Guard Station and Chattanooga Naval Occupational Support Center (USN & USMC), Youth Programs (Navy JROTC and Chattanooga Sea Cadet Division), Chattanooga Navy Ball, and USS Tennessee (SSBN 734) Submarine.

Therefore, please consider choosing a Sponsor Level as shown above to support our Mission. We encourage viewing of our website (www.chattanooganavyleague.org) and reading the past Compass Points to see what wonderful things we do!

Sponsorship Payments should be paid either by using: (<http://chattanooganavyleague.org/paypal.html>) or make a check payable to: Chattanooga Navy League. The amount of payment will determine level of Sponsorship. Mail check to: Navy League U.S. Greater Chattanooga Council, P. O. Box 91104, Chattanooga, TN 37412. Our Council is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

Best regards,

David B. Smith, President Navy League of the U. S.
Greater Chattanooga Council
884 Old Alabama Road, SW



USS Tennessee SN734 ...at sea

Navy League — Holiday Out-Reach

Support for local sea services

Every year, we do our best to support local sea service organizations during the holidays. This year, we would like to honor our local **Coast Guard** Station. At present there are 16 Coast Guard personnel. We aim to present 16 stockings. Members can either send Stacy Kehoe \$25 to fill a stocking for them or she can drop off an empty stocking to the members and they can fill and bring it to the Dec 2 meeting. If you would like to have Stacy drop off a stocking, Please let Stacey know at phone # or e-mail slk40ax@gmail.com>

But, as they say on TV **WAIT, THERE'S MORE!**

Our "Toys for Tots" program is alive — targeting the kids in local **Marine Corps** families. Purchase two toys (one for a girl and one for a boy) and keep it unwrapped. Contact Stacy for her to pick-up or bring to the Dec 2 meeting. Or, you can send her a \$25 check and she can do the shopping for you. Last year, a couple of members asked her to do this for them. It worked well 423/902-0309 ... or email at slk40ax@gmail.com



**The Atlantic not far south of the Mayport FL naval station
Destroyers and carriers cross these waters daily**

NO you aren't seeing double!

This is the appeal for support of the **Wreaths across Chattanooga** Campaign —which we covered in last month's *Compass Points* issue. It's timely to climb aboard the campaign now since the deadline for to purchase \$10 wreaths is approaching.

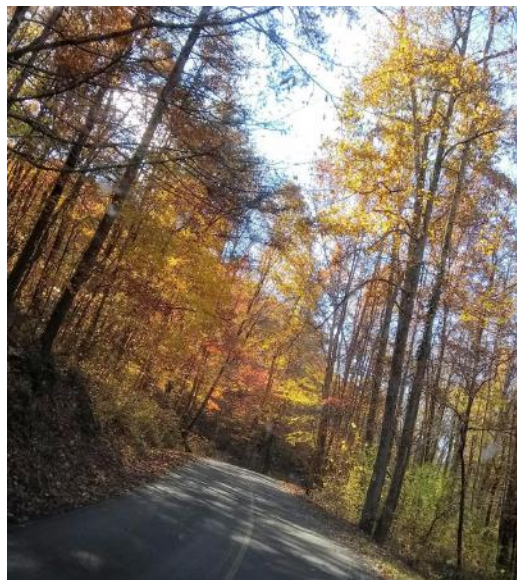
The Wreaths across Chattanooga Committee has kicked-off its 2021 campaign. Wreaths may be purchased for \$10.00 at ChattanoogaGawaa.com or completing the attached order form. **All wreaths donated will be placed on graves at noon on Saturday, December 18, 2021.**

Please get your contribution in No Later Than December 1 so the Wreaths can be ordered and delivered

Despite COVID-19, the 2020 "Wreaths across Chattanooga" campaign was tremendously successful with 14,994 wreaths provided by local donations. This was another local campaign record. Still, in many local discussions, there remains the perception that a wreath is placed on every grave at Chattanooga National Cemetery but that isn't the case since there are over 48,000 graves at Chattanooga National Cemetery.

The mission of Wreaths across Chattanooga is to lay a wreath on every grave at Chattanooga National Cemetery and in so doing is to **REMEMBER-ALL CHATTANOOGA AREA VETERANS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY, HONOR-THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO SERVED AND MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE and TEACH-THE VALUE OF FREEDOM AND ABOUT THOSE WHO PROTECTED OUR FREEDOM.** This is an opportunity to connect "The Greatest Generations" with the "Generation of Hope-The Next Greatest Generation" and an opportunity to honor our Chattanooga Heroes.

Thanks so very much for considering a donation to Wreaths across Chattanooga with the purchase of several wreaths.



Photo—by member Linda M Rice

Winter—not far down the road

Sponsor a Wreath Today for the 2021 Wreaths Across Chattanooga at the National Cemetery on December 18, 2021 Thank You

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Do we have permission to publicize your name? Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous.

Sponsorship Levels	Price	QTY
Total		

Individual = 1 Wreath	\$10.00			
Three Wreaths	\$30.00			
Small Business = Ten Wreaths	\$100.00			
Large Business = 100 Wreaths	\$1,000.00			
Corporate = _____ (number X \$10.00)				

Grand Total

**Group ID (TN0156) Wreaths Across Chattanooga
Chattanooga National Cemetery**

Location Code (TNCNCC)

Grave Specific Request:

Name on Headstone _____ Section _____ Site _____

Name on Headstone _____ Section _____ Site _____

Name on Headstone _____ Section _____ Site _____

I wish to place the wreath on the grave specific Please place the wreath on the grave specific

Cut Here for Receipt-----

**-Please get your contribution in No Later Than December 1
so the Wreaths can be ordered and delivered**

Please Make Checks Payable to: **Wreaths across Chattanooga**
Wreaths across Chattanooga
426 Market Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Any Questions Please Call Mickey McCamish (423-394-0024) or Fran Barker at (423)-250-3215

Wreaths across Chattanooga would like to "Thank You" for your wreaths Sponsorship

Date _____ Name _____ has made a donation of (total Wreath sponsorship)
\$ _____ to Wreaths Across Chattanooga to be placed at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, TN. Wreaths Across Chattanooga is a 501 (c) (3) organization, contributions are tax deductible.

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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

Our Supported Units



You are invited to

Annual Member Meeting
6 PM Thursday, December 2, 2021

Walden Club
Republic Center, 633 Chestnut Street, Suite 2100
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37450
Plated dinner with 2 sides rolls dessert, tea and coffee

Social Time	6:00 PM
Welcome -Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	6:30 PM
Announcements.....	6:35 PM
Election & Swearing in.....	6:40 PM
Dinner	6:50 PM
Scenic City Dancers.....	7:30 PM
Presentations & and Wrap -up.....	8:15 PM
Adjournment	8:30 PM

Reservation Form,
Council Dinner Meeting- Thursday Dec 2 2021

Please print names of all guests and members

NAME (S) _____

E-MAIL _____ Telephone _____

Dinner Meeting price is \$35 for Members and their guests

_____ Dinners @\$35 = _____

RSVP with payment **NO LATER THAN Monday Nov 29**

Make check payable *Chattanooga Navy League*

Mail Payment/Reservation to Pam Ann Morgan, Navy League Treasurer

P.O. Box 91104, Chattanooga TN 37412

Reservation questions: E-Mail & phone contact;

423-504-0955 and PamelaMorgan@Rocketmail.com

Optional PayPal Payment

Log on to website www.chattanoogaNavyleague.com/paypal.html

—No walk-ins—