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President's Message

David B Smith –

October 2021 President's Message

Dear Chattanooga Navy League Members and Families

As our Council entered the second month of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth quarter of the year, a second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic virus raised its head and brought certain restrictions in conducting business requiring the Board to think out of the box to proceed with accomplishing our mission events.

Obviously, it was a disappointment that we had to cancel our plans for the Navy Ball in October after much planning and re-planning was done by our Navy Ball Committee which includes Navy Leaguers and personnel from the Navy Operations Support Center. Not much point if the Navy can't attend!

However, we are undaunted. Plans are in

December 2nd—Annual Meeting & Election

It is that time of year again: Our Annual Member Meeting and Election is scheduled for December 2nd. This is a heads-up for your planning. To be held at the Walden Club in downtown Chattanooga, we will have plenty of space for social distancing. The entire 'ball room will be ours.

Stacy Kehoe is pulling together an exciting entertainment segment that will make this meeting outstanding. More on that in November.

We know there is an "elephant in the room" — the persistent Covid situation. We do not know the situation a month and a half from now, but are confident that our group is must be

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Veterans DayNov 11
Marine Corps BallNov 13
NL Member Annual Meeting/ElectionDec 2
Wreaths Across Chattanooga Dec 18

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motion for a super and safe Annual Meeting Dinner which includes our Election on December 2.

And out- of-sight from most members, we continue many activities that bolster our mission to support our local Sea Service and youth community.

As a departure from previous letters, you will find a **President's Report** providing much detail on our many activities. Let me know if you like the format change.

Meanwhile, certainly pencil in our Annual Dinner.Meeting We will be providing more details in a *Compass Points* issue in mid November.

Fair winds and following seas

David B. Smith

Navy League of Greater Chattanooga candidates for 2021

The election will be held at our annual meeting on December 2. We plan to enable voting both in person and by remote zoom.(if possible).. More information on the meeting and voting arrangements will be provided as we get closer to the election date.

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Dec 2 Meeting & Election meeting

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the most vaccinated in the area. With virtually all of our members in the demographic that two vaccine doses have been available for months and the age of many members is making them booster doze eligible too, our members are in just about the most protected group anywhere in the country.

Of course, everyone must make their own decision on what is best and safest for them and all they are in contact with. Please consider the points above.

This being our Annual Member Meeting, it important for the on-going life blood of our Council. Our Officers and Directors for the coming year are to be elected.

Family Day at the Coast Guard Station

Diligent readers of *Compass Points* may recall that the August issue highlighted upcoming the Family Day at our local Coast Guard Station. Stacy Kehoe and David Smith did the honors for us by attending and presenting Quilts of Valor, and handing out school supplies for Coast Guard families' children. Light refreshments will be served.

We were able to tour the Quachita, watch the kids play on the bouncy house rented by Shelf Service Bouncers/Playtime Inflatables,, have a great meal by Mission BBQ, donated a lot of school supplies for the kids, and most importantly, recognized and awarded 3 of the Coast Guard personnel with a Quilt of Valor. It was truly an honor to spend the day at our Coast Guard station.



All aboard ! That's David on left and Stacy in the middle



USCGC OUACHITA (WLR-65501) maintains aids to navigation along a **619-mile stretch** of the Tennessee River and its tributaries

Two of Navy League Chattanooga's most appreciated sponsors.....



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Family Day with the U S Coast Guard



Quilts of Valor were presented by David Smith (left) and Stacy Kehoe (right) to three Coast Guardsmen

Hurry up with the speeches, please!



The Coast Guard families enjoyed receiving the school supplies but probably the bouncy house got the most attention during the day. Energizer Bunnies Stacy and David are everywhere showing the Navy League flag. The kids and everyone seem pleased!

The President's Report

....David B. Smith.....

Since the August issue of *Compass Points* (not including the two *Compass Points Mini Alerts* sent out in September which provided some updates), a lot has been going on:

August 5 - Greater Chattanooga Navy League Council members David Smith and Stacy Kehoe went to the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) parking area to conduct business in conjunction with the Navy Staff and Marine Corp Staffs as follows:

- (1) Stacy along with David awarded CDR William P. Jones (USN) with a Quilt of Valor,
- (2) Stacy presented CDR Williams with a large basket of school supplies for the Navy Staff families.
- (3) Stacy presented Captain Nicholas Tallo (USMC) with a large basket of school supplies for the Marine Corp Staff families,
- (4) Stacy along with David awarded 1st SGT Christopher Myers (USMC) with a Quilt of Valor and Stacy presented 1st SGT Myers a Tennessee T-Shirt to remember his tour of duty in Chattanooga before departing to his next assignment in CA and
- (5) Stacy presented 1st SGT Brian Grabowski, who is 1st SGT Myers replacement, with a Tennessee T-Shirt as a welcome aboard gift o Chattanooga.

August 5 - Board Meeting at downtown Chattanooga YMCA. Major discussions pertaining to upcoming events, such as Legislative and Military Affairs, Membership issues, Youth Reports, Programs, Navy Balls and Marine Corp , Joint meeting with MOAA, Coast Guard Family Day, Quilts of Valor awards, fund raiser car wash, Nominating Committee to develop the 2022 election list for the



Navy Leaguers Smith and Kehoe gathered with NOSC staff on Aug 5th- presenting the school supplies ...

and below Stacy Kehoe presenting a Quilt of Valor



December membership meeting, presentation of a check to the Chattanooga Sea Cadets Division, support for Wreaths Across Chattanooga Laying of Wreaths, and December Christmas Membership Dinner Meeting.

August 7 - The Navy League of United States Greater Chattanooga Council members David and Stacy organized a family day for our local Coast Guard Station. Stacy

arranged for Mission BBQ to provide the food for the Coast Guard Family Day. At the Family Day, Stacy presented a large basket of school supplies to Coast Guard Commanding Officer BMCS Cy Kruithoff for use by the Coast Guard families. Stacy along with David, also awarded BMCS Cy Kruithoff, Seaman Daniel Cantu, and Fireman Henry Quinton each with a Quilt of Valor.

August 8 - The Navy Ball Committee met at the NOSC, and the major discussion was about the possible cancellation of the Navy Ball. Therefore,

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Message from the Editor

The past 18 months have been a difficult time for our Council. With the constraints caused by the pandemic, our activities have been curtailed and, as Editor, know it directly. What am I going to write about? What is astounding is how Stacy Kehoe and David Smith have kept our flag flying. Doing the outreach. Making sure there still is a Navy League when everything opens up. Thank you!

Willard K. Rice, Jr– Editor– *Compass Points*

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the committee discussed the possibility of an alternative plan to have a cake cutting for the Navy and a luncheon for both Navy and Marine Corp Staffs at the NOSC catered by Mission BBQ to celebrate the Navy's birthday on October 13th 2021. Plans in the future will be determined at the next committee meeting in September. Note: After the meeting, committee members met with USMC Captain Tallo and USMC 1st SGT Grabowski about what the Marine Corp was planning for the Marine Ball. Captain Tallo said a final decision is pending. Stacy Kehoe suggested that the Marines might want to consider a family day event at Aquatic Center at UTC's indoor water park either in late October or early November.

August 24 - Our Chattanooga Council's Navy Leaguers participated in a joint dinner meeting with MOAA. Unfortunately, Congressman Chuck Fleischman had to cancel due to a called session of Congress in Washington DC . Therefore, in his place COL Judi Davenport spoke on Reserve Association of America.

September 7 - Stacy Kehoe returned to the Coast Guard Station to present a Quilt of Valor to Seaman Kelsey Dixon and Fireman Elijah Manor.

September 12 - The Navy Ball Committee met at the NOSC and based on CDR Jones report about Navy restrictions preventing Navy personnel to attend events outside the NOSC and from home, he stated that he could not sell tickets to the Navy Ball and recommended that the committee cancel the Navy Ball due to lack of attendance. Thus, the committee members cancelled the Navy Ball. Also, the committee discussed again the possibility of the Navy Birthday on October 13th to have a cake cutting plus a luncheon as previously discussed on August 8th. CDR Jones said he would have to run this up the chain of command for a final decision. Note: CDR Jones contacted the committee members in late September that a decision, as directed by

**MOAA was a
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the Navy Regional Commander, to restrict any events for the NOSC. Considering this directive, the committee cancelled the cake cutting and luncheon.

September 17 and 18 – As of September 13th, David Smith cancelled the Car Wash fund raiser due to lack of volunteers.

September 26 – In accordance with Council By-Laws, the nominating committees for Election of Officers and Director must publish a list to the membership 60 days prior to the next scheduled Membership Meeting on December 2, 2021. Willard Rice, Compass Editor, sent the Officer and Director list via e-mail to the membership. This list included the name of Keith McLeod for Chaplin.

September 27 – Chaplin Keith McLeod due to his personal responsibilities and upcoming travel schedule turned in his resignation as Chaplin but stated he would remain as an active member. Therefore, we are seeking to fill the Chaplin's position at the Membership Meeting whereby a member could nominate a new Chaplin from the floor.

October 6 - Board Meeting at downtown Chattanooga YMCA. David Smith noted that the December 2nd Membership Meeting will hold an election for the Officers and Director to serve in 2022. Also, Stacy Kehoe has planned for entertainment and for gifts at the meeting.

October 9 – David Smith traveled to the America Legion Post 106 located in Trenton, GA where he presented a check for \$570 to LT Joseph Rimas (SRO) from our Council to support the Chattanooga Sea Cadets Division with money to purchase uniforms with accessories plus aid in purchasing training material.

Other events coming up in the fourth quarter are: November 13, 2021 - Marine Corp Ball, December 1, 2021 – Board Meeting, December 2, 2021 - Membership Dinner Meeting, and December 18, 2021 - Laying of Wreaths Across Chattanooga at the National Cemetery.



No Wash Today



For those starved for something Nautical.....

We tried! We invited you twice to put your feet on the wooden deck of the *Pinta*, a replica of one of Columbus's ships that discovered America (if you don't count the Vikings but they never built an empire).

Why the *Pinta* put Chattanooga on its tour schedule mystifies everyone who thought about. But why question good luck? Some Navy Leaguers who read the *Compass Points Mini Alerts* that went out in September and lived close enough to take advantage actually visited the *Pinta*. Not sure but this ship probably can move as fast as the Coast Guard *Quachita* and actually can sail. It was built in Brazil.



Just like the Navy....!

**Hey! Are those Chattanooga Navy League koozies they are holding?
They must have connections....**



Chattanooga Navy League Encouraging Support of Wreaths Across Chattanooga

Once again, members of our Council have the opportunity to support this civic endeavor which is headed by Navy Leaguer Mickey McCamish. Each year our members have exceeded our previous year's contribution total which in 2020 was...



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

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. Program Chairman —Mickey McCamish

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

Name _____ Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____
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

Location Code (TNCNCC) Chattanooga National Cemetery

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 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.**

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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



Just a reminder

Annual Member Meeting *Navy League of Greater Chattanooga*

Will be on Thursday, December 2, 2021
At the Walden Club at 6 PM

**Election
and
Holiday Party**

Stay Tuned!