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## President's Message

David B Smith –

### August 2021 President's Message

Salute to all Chattanooga Navy Leaguers and Families

Wow! We are into the third quarter of the 2021 year and the Chattanooga Navy League "Choo Choo Train" has been traveling at full throttle since the last April *Compass Points* publication. Let me try to recap some of the events that the Officers and Directors either have been involved in or have achieved during this period.

April 11—the second Navy Ball Committee meeting, chaired by Navy League Director Billy Hewitt, met to prepare arrangements for the Navy Ball scheduled for October 16, 2021. Since this

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## August 24 Dinner Alert Joint Meeting with MOAA

As we have often done, rather than hosting an independent Navy League Member Meeting in August, we are combining with the local MOAA organization to attend the MOAA dinner meeting on August 24 at the Walden Club. They have graciously invited Navy Leaguers to attend. Attendees can attend in person or by Zoom,.

The speaker will be US Representative Chuck Fleishmann.

All the details are on **Page 8** with the dinner Reservations Form and Zoom instructions.

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## Getting back on the horse.....

### April Dinner meeting Report

In April, we held a “well-distanced” meeting with nearly all, if not all, most attendees vaccinated at the Walden Club. Spread around the long and wide table with everyone well-spaced from each other, we enjoyed hearing from Captain Kevin West, Chief of Staff Naval Reserve Navy Public Affairs Support Element-HQ. As part of the public communications arm Captain Kevin West (Chief of Staff Naval Reserve Navy Public Affairs Support Element-HQ)

He shared with us the challenges that the Navy has in getting its message across in these days of heightened attention to communications.



League President David Smith presenting Appreciation Certificate to dinner speaker Captain Kevin West



Looks like the Niemeys were the big winners at the dinner! Stacy Kehoe looks pleased too.....

### One more time !

#### Dues are Due

If you haven't already done it, there's no time better than right now to get your local Council dues in. Remember, these are our prime source of support for the most important contribution to the youth of our community— our support of the Howard NJROTC program and the local Sea Cadet division. The Annual Local Council dues are now "due."

They are is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for married couples. **There is nothing preventing you from rounding these amounts up to some higher level!**

This money assists us in supporting our local youth. We already have plans for supporting the Sea Cadets and the NJROTC groups. In hopes of a new year, please plan to support our youth programs by sending in your local dues. We count on YOU to assist us. Thank you.

**Mail to Pam Ann Morgan Treasurer Navy League at P.O. Box 91104, Chattanooga, TN 37412**

### Navy Ball News - On schedule

The Navy Ball Committee is working feverishly to make arrangements for the Navy Ball to be held October 16th at the Chattanooga Convention center. While there are some uncertainties due to the climb in Covid cases in TN, we are hopeful that, with increasing vaccination growth, the trends will turn around. Reservation form on page 16.

Also, as mentioned previously, we welcome any contributions for the Ball to offset the cost for lower ranked attendees. Send to Pam Ann Morgan, Chatt NL Treasurer. PO Box 91104 Chatt 37412. We remain optimistic that this years Ball will be one that everyone will enjoy.

## Family Day at the Coast Guard Station—August 7

**Want to do something unusual? You are invited!**

On August 7th, from 10 am to noon hours, the Greater Chattanooga Navy League is hosting a Family Day at our local Coast Guard Station. The address is 3551 Harrison Pike, Chattanooga,

All Navy League members are encouraged to attend. We will honor 5 Coast Guard personnel with a Quilt of Valor, celebrate the CG's birthday and hand out school supplies for their families. Light refreshments will be served.

Some of the school supplies we collected during last week or so will be provided to children of the Coast Guard staff

### Just in case you didn't know

USCGC OUACHITA (WLR-65501) is a 65-foot "A" class river buoy tender. With her 130-foot barge, OUACHITA has the capacity to carry up to 80 buoys and 100 sinkers. She is responsible for maintaining 354 lighted aids to navigation and dayboards and a total of 1,723 buoys along a **619-mile stretch** of waterways. Her areas of responsibility include the Tennessee River, the Clinch River, the Emory River, the Little River, the Hiwassee River, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, Sulpher Creek, Sod Creek, the Piney River, the Little Tennessee River, Bents Lake, and the Elk



**That's the USCGC Quachita with her equipment barge.**

As that famous line in *Cabaret* immortalized, "only her mother would describe her as pretty" but her 18 man crew (approx.) keep 619 miles of the Tennessee River system safely navigable for commerce and recreation.

## Seabees hold well-attended Reunion in Chattanooga

Covered quite extensively in David Smith's letter/report, the local Seabee alumni put on the *51<sup>st</sup> Annual Navy Seabee Construction Battalion 24 at Large (Island X-24) Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Reunion*. That's quite a mouthful but surely the Seabees know what it all means! Chattanooga Navy Leaguers Rear Admiral Raymond Alexander and Master Chief David Smith Co-Chaired the 4 day event and organized everything necessary to pull it off for more than 100 attendees from around the US.



Some of the Chattanooga Navy Leaguers at the Seabee Reunion. Chris & Travis Smith with Navy League President Master Chief (USN—Retired) David Smith, Rear Admiral (USN-Retired) Ray Alexander, Stacy Kehoe - Board member & Past President, Commander (USN -Retired) Alden and Carleen Perry **MORE PHOTOS — Next Page**

### Note from the Editor....

#### Meeting Precautions . . .

Just when we thought the worse of the Covid pandemic was behind us, we are now being bombarded with precautions due to the rapid spread of the Delta variant. There is good news however in that those who have completed the vaccination series account for about 3% or fewer of the hospitalizations and deaths. Those who are not vaccinated account for about 97% or more of both. And, best news of all, nearly everyone who is in the Navy League age demographic can easily get a vaccination.

However, due to the higher contagiousness of the new variant, the public health authorities nationally and in Hamilton County strongly advise mask wearing by all people in indoor sites due to the discovery that even vaccinated people, while not sickened themselves, can become carriers/spreaders.

That certainly is unwelcome news but it does force the conclusion that, if we want this behind us, responding positively to the public health authorities appeal makes solid sense. So if you are going to an indoor meeting, take care!

Willard K. Rice Jr.—Editor

## Howard NJROTC news

The unit has learned that the Navy wants to bolster science and math activities (“STEM”) and have purchased four drones for the NJROTC students to utilize! Dirk Ames, Senior Instructor

has certified with the FAA as a licensed Drone Operator and will guide several students toward licensure. They will seek additional



funding to purchase curriculum to support the endeavor. They are also partnering with Middle Tennessee State University to receive joint credit for the students qualifying for the program.

This a long way from drill march practice in days of old!

However, they are still focusing on such activities as Color Guard training, will be supporting home football games and a Veteran's Day event at Erlanger.

# Seabee Reunion in Chattanooga



Noah Long hosting the Seabee group over at the Medal of Honor Center — “this is how we built it..”



Tom and Fran Randolph Stacy Kehoe, and David Smith



Ray Alexander looking pleased with Quilt of Valor presented by Stacy Kehoe and Fran Ramdolph



Don't know what this gnome is about. But Stacy made it for the Seabees in their Craft Sssion. They probably have already built something to house it !



That's Ray cutting a rag with Stacy

## Armed Forces Day—Built on the Navy (League)

Navy Leaguers' "fingerprints" were all over the Armed Forces Day festivities on May 7th day's activities —from RADM **Ron Etychison** stepping in to be Parade Marshall to **Mickey McCamish** filling the role of military chairman at the celebratory lunch to **Mark Parks** in his other role at CAVC arranging for which vehicle and its sequence was appropriate for each dignitary and politico to ride in at the parade (Is this where the term "herding cats" was invented ?) to the dress uniformed **David Smith** and **Alden Perry** greeting the parade onlookers from their River City Corvette Club chariots.

Chattanooga Navy League's supported youth organizations — The Howard School NJROTC and the Chattanooga Sea Cadet Division — provided a link to the next generation in the parade. And, the Sea Cadets made the lunch with hundreds of attendees solemn, important and simultaneously festive by presenting the Colors to the assembled throng.

It was a great day and, although plans for a Navy speaker at the lunch fell through, U.S. Congressman **Mark Green** did a great job of telling the military story with his extremely relevant experiences in the Mideast conflicts. After the delayed and



The Sea Cadets lead the way

mutated Armed Forces Day event of last year, Chattanooga did itself proud by coming back to put on a spectacular day built in no small part on the contributions of the Navy Leaguers mentioned above. At same time, much kudos to CAVC (Chattanooga Area Veterans Council) for pulling it off--- once again..



Rear Admiral Vance Fry (USN-Ret), Pat & Rear Admiral Ron Etychison (USN-Ret) and Commander Alden Perry (USN-Ret)



That's Alden Perry and David Smith flanking their River City Corvette Club escorts

# Armed Forces Day—more excitement



From left: Willard Rice, Pam Ann Morgan, David Smith, Stacy Kehoe, Alden & Carleen Perry at the celebratory lunch. And just behind Carleen is BMCS Cy Kruithoff (Officer-In-Charge Chattanooga Coast Guard Station)



Navy Leaguer Patty Parks marching with the Women's Veterans organization. It wouldn't be a parade without Patty somewhere livening it up!



Eyes left ..... Sea Cadet Leaders

## “Going to need a bigger boat”

### Back-to-School campaign grows

#### Or, at least, a larger shopping cart..

To assist Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel to get ready for their children going back the school, our Council initiated a “Back to School “ project to help defray the costs of supplies for children.

Kicked off by a \$200 gift card provided by Target store, Stacy Kehoe and David Smith rustled up another \$200 from local Navy Leaguers and school supplies provided by Navy Leaguers over the last week.

Then, they quickly went on a shopping spree! Next they will be delivering the goodies to the NOSC and Coast Guard Station for their personnel’s students.



Stacy Kehoe & David Smith gathering supplies at Target



The haul.....

## MOAA Reservation Form - Tuesday August 24 Dinner At Walden Club—Chattanooga

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

Name (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Dinners @ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations are due NLT Thursday August 19, 2021

Mail the with check to CDR Jim Hargrove 1739 Bayfront Drive, Soddy Daisy TN 37379.

Make check payable to MOAA -Chattanooga Chapter

Reservations may be e-mailed to: [jhargrove@epbfi.com](mailto:jhargrove@epbfi.com)

**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Alternate Attendance by ZOOM : <https://tennessee.zoom.us> Meeting ID 601397



## Sea Cadets Staying Busy

As most Navy Leaguers know, the Navy League and the Sea Cadets have a long history of mutual support. We are fortunate to have a Sea Cadet unit right here in Chattanooga. Known as the "Chattanooga Division", the local unit helps our Navy League Council by providing color guard squads for various events. Also, the Sea Cadets provides the Navy League with an avenue for us to provide support to youth interested in naval topics.

The following report is put together principally with information provided by Ensign Griffin M. Hays. He is the Public Relations and Recruiting Officer for the local unit.

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On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Chattanooga Division provided a color guard for the Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Reunion held here. Then on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the division provided the color guard at the Armed Forces Day Parade. Being at the head of the parade, their presence heralded the fact that this was the parade's "Navy Year". Then the color guard started the ceremonies at the Armed Forces Day luncheon clearly stating that "We are back Chattanooga" after a delayed and muted event last year.

Also this spring, the Sea Cadets participated in a local home school expo by presenting the Sea Cadet story to the group and staffing an information booth for three days, acquainting attendees with the opportunities the USNCC provides for youth

The Chattanooga Sea Cadets' roster is 18 cadets with several more in the pipeline. Eight officers



**Sea Cadet Color Guard, after leading the Armed Forces Parade, brought the Colors to start the official lunch celebration**

currently serve within the Division. Since early April, the unit took part in drills in which the cadets were taught about Naval heritage, drill and ceremony, wilderness survival, and various other military and civilian skills.

Recently, two cadets were promoted to Seaman. One cadet was promoted to Seaman Apprentice (Temporary) and another was promoted to LC1. Former Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Beasley, was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and rose to the position of Regional Director. Former Executive Officer, Lieutenant Rivers, stepped up to become Commanding Officer with Lieutenant Junior Grade Rimas as his Executive Officer. Three Chiefs have retired from the program in the last half year. And Lieutenant Commander Stacy L Kehoe has become Regional Director, 18-0, USNSCC SE TN Trainings/Rescue Ropes.

meeting, the committee has met again on June 6 and is scheduled for another meeting on August 8. April 15 — the membership dinner meeting took place at the Walden Club where the guest speaker was Captain Kevin West (Chief of Staff Naval Reserve Navy Public Affairs Support Element-HQ) and is currently employed as news director for Cumulus Radio group in Chattanooga, TN. Also, the “Jelly Roll” Rug that Stacy Kehoe created as a Navy League Fund-Raiser was auctioned off and the winner of the rug was David Smith.

April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup> (4- days) — Navy Leaguers RADM Raymond Alexander and Master Chief David Smith Co-Chaired the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Navy Seabee Construction Battalion 24 at Large (Island X-24) Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Reunion located at Embassy Suites in Chattanooga where 120 people were in attendance.

At the Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> banquet dinner Navy Leaguer Stacy Kehoe and Fran Randolph representing the Quilts of Valor Program presented a Quilt of Valor to each of the following: RADM Raymond Alexander, RADM James McGarrah, and Commodore (Captain) L. Dean Battles. Other Chattanooga Navy Leaguers in attendance that evening, who have previously received a Quilt of Valor, were RADM Noah Long, Commander Alden Perry, and Master Chief David Smith.

Historically, Battalion 24 originated in WWII on September 4, 1942, and decommissioned December 1, 1945. On June 1, 1962, the battalion was re-commissioned as Reserve Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 24 (RNMCB-24) and just before Desert Storm there was an activation ceremony to upgrade the battalion’s designation as active Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 24 (NMCB-24). NMCB-24, including 75 men of Chattanooga Navy Reserve Detachment 1224, were recalled for

Desert Storm. Later NMCB-24 were mobilized again to active duty in January 2005 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and a third recall came in February 2009 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom IX. NMCB-24 was finally decommissioned on September 15, 2013, at its Huntsville, AL headquarters base located at the Red Stone Arsenal. From 1962 to 2013 five of the Battalion 24 Commanding Officers in their careers were promoted to RADM. No other Seabee Battalion has ever achieved this status level of officer promotions from an individual battalion. The five were: RADM Richard “Dick” Smith, RADM Paul Rosser, RADM Noah Long, RADM James McGarrah, and RADM Raymond Alexander.

May 6 — Colonel Jeffrey J. Johnson, USMC (Ret.) Tullahoma High School Marine Corp JROTC Unit, representing our Council, presented two Theodore Roosevelt Awards to USMC Cadets Corporal Emma Brown and Staff Sergeant Deekan Wilson.

Both cadets have achieved status as Leadership Level III cadets in the Marine Corp JROTC program and both will be a LEIV senior this year. The award presented is for outstanding service and recognition of her and his professionalism and academic excellence and dedication to the MCJROTC Program.

May 7 — Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade followed by a luncheon at the Chattanooga Convention Center - In our Dress Blue uniforms, Commander Alden Perry and Master Chief David Smith participated by being guest passengers in two Corvettes provided by the River City Corvette as Club.

Alden Perry arranged and sponsored the Navy League lunch table. Seated were the following: Alden and Carolene Perry, David Smith, Willard Rice, Stacy Kehoe, Pam Ann Morgan, and BMCS Cy Kruthoff (Officer-In-Charge Chattanooga Coast Guard Station). Our Navy League Council mem-

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bers have long supported this consecutive parade by volunteering their time and talents to the success of it. At the lunch, Navy League members were: RADM Noah Long, CAPT Mickey McCamish, CAPT Billy Hewitt, CDR Alden Perry, CPO Mark Parks, and Stacy Kehoe. Many other NL members support the parade with many behind the scenes assistance as well.

May 8 — Commanding Officer LCDR Dirk Ames of Howard High School Navy Junior ROTC (NJROTC) Program received word that the school unit has been honored for the first time to receive the yearly Unit Achievement Award. This award recognizes units which have demonstrated significant successful performance by active ROTC Cadets members during the year.

May 31 — Memorial Day Service – Chattanooga Board Members Mickey McCamish, Stacy Kehoe, Alden and Carlene Perry, and Billy Hewitt represented the Chattanooga Navy League at the Memorial Day Service conducted at the Tennessee Army National Guard Post located at 1801 on South Holtzclaw Avenue, Chattanooga, TN.

June 1 — Prior to this date the Chattanooga Navy League, in conjunction with Veatrice Conley, owner of the Unveiled Bridal Shop, conducted a formal dress gown auction sale as a fundraiser for the Howard High School NJROTC Program to purchase military training equipment.

On the 1<sup>st</sup>, Navy Leaguers David Smith, and Stacy Kehoe along with Veatrice Conley presented a \$1,000 check to Howard High School Principal Dr. Le Andrea Ware and NJROTC Instructors 1stSgt Bill Connor, USMC (Retired) and Chief Michael Murphy, USN (Retired).

Also delivered to the two instructors were copies of several past Sea Power Magazines, other Mili-

tary Magazines, and Military Leadership Books for the NJROTC Cadet library.

June 4-12 — For nine days, 18 Navy Sea Cadets from across the U. S. came to Chattanooga to attend the annual USNSCC SE TN Training/Rescue Ropes Training Course located on Signal Mountain.

Commanding Officer LCDR Stacy Kehoe volunteers her time to represent our Chattanooga Navy League Counsel for this Training Contingent. As part of the Sea Cadets activities, arrangements were also made by the Chattanooga Navy League President to sponsor the adult leaders and Sea Cadets to visit on June 9<sup>th</sup> the National Medal of Honor Heritage Museum and later that evening the group was treated by the sponsor to a pizza party.

June 17 — Target Store Manager and two associates at Hamilton Place store met with Navy Leaguers David Smith and Stacy Kehoe where a \$200 check was presented to our Council for use in purchasing children school supplies for our local Sea Services organizations (Coast Guard Station, NOSH: USN and USMC). After this presentation Stacy Kehoe received another \$200 from individuals giving a total amount of \$400 to purchase school supplies. On July 30<sup>th</sup> David and Stacy went shopping at Target to purchase the school supplies.

July 9 & 10 — the Navy League fundraiser car wash unfortunately had to be canceled due to weather conditions. The Navy Ball Committee is in process to rescheduling this event around September 17<sup>th</sup> and/or September 18<sup>th</sup>, subject to the Navy Ball Committee meeting scheduled for August 8, where the committee will make a final decision on car wash dates.

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July 17 — Chattanooga Navy League President was notified about organizational changes in command structure of the Chattanooga Sea Cadet Division. LT Leigh Ann Beesley has been promoted to LCDR to take a new assignment as the new Regional Director for three out of the four Sea Cadet units in Tennessee. LT Bobby Rivers has been notified that he has been promoted as the Commanding Officer of the Chattanooga Sea Cadet Division. LCDR Stacy Kehoe was promoted to Regional Director for the Ropes Rescue Training held on Signal Mountain.

July 18 — Navy League Southern Region President Mark McDonald contacted Stacy Kehoe to consider taking his position in 2022. Stacy has tentatively accepted taking the position subject to further confirmation.

July 24-27 — Navy League National Convention in St. Louis, MO, Two National Plaque Awards were presented to the Greater Chattanooga Council and Billy Hewitt, our representative accepted the award plaques on behalf of our Council. The first award was for being the 2020 Outstanding Council and the second award was for the Bronze 2020 Donald M. Mackie Newsletter Award.

August 4 — this date is the Coast Guard's 228<sup>th</sup> birthday and will be celebrated by the local Station on the Family Day scheduled for August 7. Our Council has agreed to sponsor and jointly participate in this day's event at the Coast Guard Station.

August 5 — Stacy Kehoe and David Smith are plan-

ning that morning to be at the NOSC to present a Quilts of Valor to 1<sup>st</sup> SGT Christopher I. Myers (USMC) and Commander William P. Jones (USN).

During this event Stacy Kehoe is planning to present BMCS Cy Kruithoff (Officer-In-Charge Chattanooga Coast Guard Station) with a Quilt of Valor and 4 other Coast Guard personnel. All Navy League members are encouraged to attend the August 7<sup>th</sup> family day celebration that begins at 1000 hours and ends at 1400 hours.

Other events coming up are:

- (1) August 24th the joint Chattanooga Navy League and MOAA dinner meeting at the Walden Club where the guest speaker will be Congressman Chuck Fleischmann,
- (2) (October 16, Navy Ball at the Chattanooga Convention Center,
- (3) November 13, USMC Ball,
- (4) December 2, Navy League Annual Dinner Meeting to celebrate with a holiday party. Business that evening will be the annual election of Officers and Directors for the year 2022, and
- (5) December 18, Laying of Wreaths Across Chattanooga at the National Cemetery.

Fair winds and following seas.....

David B. Smith

**Much appreciation from Navy League of Greater Chattanooga Council goes out to our corporate sponsors . . . . .**



## Big Check to NJROTC

Our Navy League Council, primarily through the efforts of Stacy Kehoe, Director –Fundraising ( an other important tasks) ,collaborated with the Veatrice Conley of the Unveiled Bridal Studio to raise funds for the Howard NJROTC’s ancillary equipment needs. Together, Navy League combined with Unveiled Bridal to total **\$1000**



**Stacy Kehoe, 1stSgt Bill Conner USMC (Retired), David Smith, Dr Le Andrea Ware– Principal Howard School, Veatrice Conley– Owner, Unveiled Bridal Shop, Chief Michael Murphy USN (Retired). Conner and Murphy are NJROTC instructors at The Howard School**

### This is how it was done!

Veatrice Conley is the owner and operator of "Unveiled," a bridal shop in downtown Chattanooga on Cherry Street. With the collaborative effort between our Council and Unveiled, we raised \$1,000 for The Howard High Schools' NJROTC program.

Using the Council's Public Facebook group and Unveiled social media platforms, the \$1,000 dollars was quickly raised from the general public, Howard High School Alumni members, and the Greater Chattanooga Navy League membership. In year's past, our Council provided the NJROTC program with \$500 to support them in their summer leadership activities. However, with

## How it was done...

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Covid-19 striking our community (and world), we were not able to provide this support last year. We wanted to double our giving and support as many schools are still struggling with financial fundraising activities.

Chief Murphy and one of the female cadet's from Howard attended on May 2, 2021, a Facebook live promotion for this fundraiser. Chief Murphy has worked at Howard High School for the past 20 years and is a Navy League Council member. He spoke to the audience at large about the NJROTC program and what it means to watch the cadets mature and take in discipline as they progress through their high school years. After the NJROTC presentation, Unveiled held a Facebook live wedding dress fashion show.



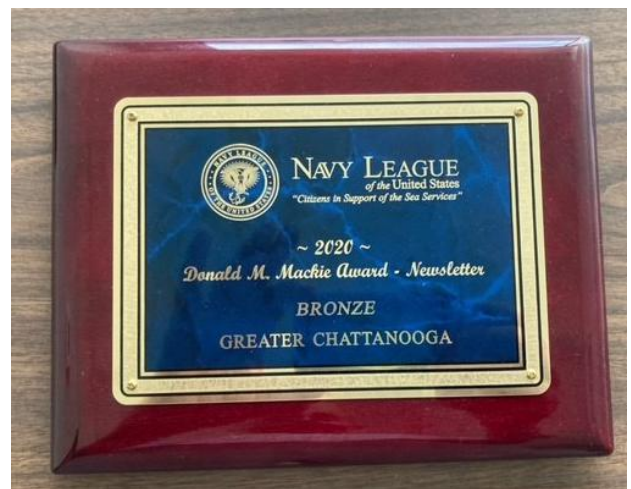
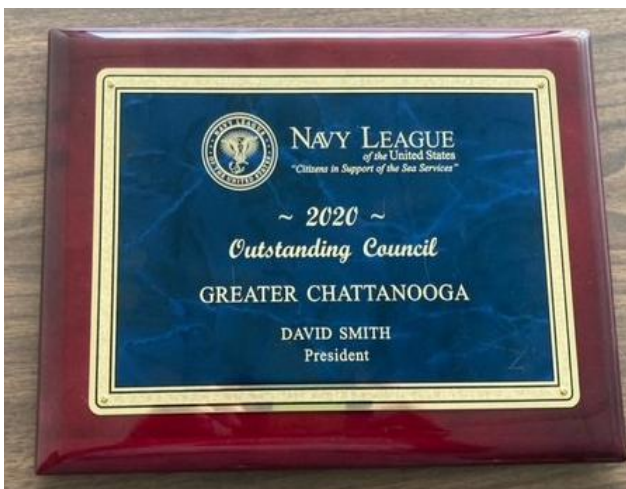
Navy Leaguers who have been monitoring their e-mail accounts have spotted several e-mails during this last month about the Car Wash at Surfs-Up that we scheduled—and then UNsheduled . The idea was to raise some funds to support our various youth programs. A really bad weather forecast made it prudent to postpone.

We have **new dates: September 17&18**. We will **need volunteers** (not for the actual washing – the automated machine does that) to help in tidying up and to show who and what we are. We hope to get some Sea Cadet, Navy and Coast Guard personnel along with Navy Leaguers.

There will be more e-mail messages on this as we draw closer to the date. Hoping you always open messages that say “Navy League & Chattanooga!”

## Council wins National Awards

At the recent National Navy League convention, our Council was bestowed with an “Outstanding Council” Award and the “David M. Mackie Award—Newsletter” - Bronze performance.



## Tullahoma High School JROTC Cadets earn Theodore Roosevelt Awards

As most members of our Council know, the Navy League of Greater Chattanooga has a long history of support for and communications with our “home” Junior ROTC unit: the NJROTC unit at the Howard School in downtown Chattanooga. Not so well known is that we have reached out to the unit at the Tullahoma High School over the last several years. That unit is affiliated with the Marine Corps so is known as MCJROTC.

And they are glad to have a connection with us — inviting us to ceremonies and selecting candidates for Navy League’s important **Theodore Roosevelt Award** for youth. This spring these awards were made.

**Cadet Staff Sergeant Deekan Wilson** is a Leadership Education Level III cadet in the Marine Corps JROTC program at Tullahoma High School (he will be a LEIV senior this year). He displayed a continuous can-do attitude and effective leadership both in class and during community service events. Cadet Wilson was effective leading cadets in morning and afternoon colors, field days and multiple other labor intensive tasks. He was the “go too” cadet for any task because he would do it right and efficiently.

Cadet Wilson led physical training on countless occasions motivating his fellow cadets to push themselves and work harder. He set the example in all things pertaining to the leadership traits and principles. This award was presented to him on 6 May for outstanding service and in recognition of his professionalism and academic excellence and dedication to the MCJROTC program.



**Col Jeffrey J Johnson, USMC (Ret)  
presenting to Cadet Wilson**



**Col Jeffrey J Johnson, USMC (Ret)  
presenting to Cadet Brown**

**Cadet Corporal Emma Brown** is a Leadership Education Level III cadet in the Marine Corps JROTC program at Tullahoma High School (she will be a LEIV senior this year). She displayed steadfast devotion to duty to the program and to the community supporting several civic service events as well as maintaining outstanding grades. Although given the choice to remain virtual or attend school in person Cadet Brown chose to come to school and set the example in all aspects of leadership traits and principles.

She performed the National Anthem on a few occasions singing for school events while representing the JROTC Program in honor detail for homecoming. She was a positive presence in the supply room helping maintain uniform inventories and issue to approximately 90 cadets. This award was presented to her on 6 May for outstanding service and in recognition of her professionalism and academic excellence and dedication to the MCJROTC program.

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- 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**

## *U.S. Navy 246th BIRTHDAY BALL* *Hosted by Navy League of Greater Chattanooga*

**Saturday, October 16 2021**

**Chattanooga Convention Center Ballroom  
1 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga**

**Social Hour ... 5:00 PM Dinner ... 6:00 PM**

## RESERVATION PRICING

Active, Reserve, Veteran E1-E3: Free

E4-E6 \$20/ E7-E9 \$ 28 01-09 \$ 35

Sea Cadets/NJROTC Students \$ 20

Military Veterans and their Guests Same Price Civilians \$ 40

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