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President's Message

Mickey McCamish, President

WOW!! What a busy couple of months that it has been for our Navy League Chapter. It's been an active and rewarding time.

First, as I mentioned in my previous message, Chattanooga was one of fourteen cities selected as a "Navy Week City". During this week (June 10-16, 2018), there were 129 Navy events throughout our City. These events ranged from participating at both Hamilton County Commissioners meeting and the City of Chattanooga Council meeting to performing on stage at Riverbend with Bret Michaels before approximately 75,000 people. A special highlight for nearly twenty of our Navy League members was lunch with a few of the USS TENNESSEE Blue Crew that included the Commanding Officer, CDR Paul Seitz. According to the U.S. Navy Community Outreach Command representatives, this was the best Navy Week that the Command has experienced and a final report recommendation is to strongly consider Chattanooga, on a rotating frequency, and ongoing "Navy Week City."

Another important event that took place on Saturday, July 14, 2018, was a Memorial Program,

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NAVY BAND CLIMBS TO NEW HEIGHTS AT RIVERBEND



Photo courtesy of Linda Rice.

Navy Band climbing to the Riverbend Stage.

Navy Week Takes Over Chattanooga... It's too crowded. It's too loud. There's nowhere to park. There's too much traffic. You might get killed. It's too hot. It's too cold. Now wait, you can't have both of those. OK It's hot. It might rain. You got any more?

Decisions.. Decisions ---- Go to Riverbend or not? Well, that's where you can surely find the Navy during NAVY WEEK. May as well take the chance.

One thing you can count on is that when a business chieftain shows up you are going to see a PowerPoint presentation. However when an Admiral ascends to the podium, you'll know it because the BAND will be there! Not just a little combo but the 20-member Atlantic Fleet Navy Ceremonial Band accompanied Rear Admiral Paul D. Pearigan on the Riverbend main stage for **Military Appreciation Night** rousing the crowd with the full range of service anthems. (Gosh, that Coast Guard song is a hard one to sing. I wonder what the words are?)

Master of Ceremonies Navy League President Captain Mickey McCamish led the event but Rear

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Walden Club

Next Council Dinner Meeting:
August 16, 2018



Republic Center
633 Chestnut Street
Suite 2100
Chattanooga, TN 37450

Plan on attending the next Chattanooga Navy League dinner which is on deck for Thursday, August 16th. When we mention "on deck," we really mean it because our speaker is to be Master Chief Sean A. McMahon of the US Coast Guard. See his biography which immediately follows. His credentials are as long as those many stripes on his arm.

One thing about the Coast Guard: they are all about boats and water. It is most possible that the average Coast Guarder knows more about these topics than the average Navy person and this is being admitted by a Navy man. In any case, we will all learn a lot.

So, get your reservation in to Mark Parks and be prepared to find out what the Coast Guard is doing. The dinner is at the Walden Club which has that convenient next door free parking. With the sun going down so late in the summer, there will be sure to be an unparalleled view of all of Chattanooga throughout the evening.

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AUGUST DINNER SPEAKER ~ BMCM Sean A. McMahon is currently assigned as the Officer-In-Charge of the USCGC OUACHITA, in Chattanooga, TN. After attending basic training in the ARMY in the fall of 1991, Private McMahon set out on a career in communications. Specialist McMahon then joined the Coast Guard in 1995 and after attending basic at Cape May, NJ.

His first duty station was a River Tender *USCGC WYACONDA* in Dubuque, IA. From there he was assigned to CG Aids to Navigation Team Gulfport, MS. Just in time for Hurricane George in 1998 where he then promoted to Station Gulfport, MS Master Chief McMahon then transferred to the USCGC WEDGE where he assumed the duties of Executive Petty Officer in 2001. There they responded to Hurricane Ivan as relief efforts helped the Gulf Coast rebuild.

In 2005 Master Chief McMahon then transferred to the USCGC CIMARRON, in Paris Landing Buchanan, TN as Executive Petty Officer. In January of 2007 he graduated the Chiefs Academy class 139 and assumed the Officer-In-Charge position at Aids to Navigation Team Crisfield, MD. He then assumed command of the USCGC CHENA, Hickman, KY where he led a team through the rivers fifth largest drought in history during the summer of 2012.

Master Chief McMahon's personnel awards include: three Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" Device, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals with "O" Devices, COMDT's Letter of Commendation with "O" Device, two National Defense Service Medals, CG Sea Service Ribbon with silver star, seven Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, two Humanitarian Medals, two CG Meritorious Unit Comm Ribbon, three Special Ops Ribbons, two CG Meritorious Team Comm Ribbon, CG Unit Commendation Ribbon, CG Presidential Unit Citation, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Cutterman's Insignia, Army NCO Professional Development, CG Pistol Sharpshooter Ribbon, CG Rifle Marksman Ribbon.

Master Chief McMahon is married to the former Sandy Kay Wales of Grandfield, OK and they have three children Brittany, Brian, and Joseph. He is currently working on an Associate Degree in Marine Management and has recently completed the 00 Ton Master Capt License for Inland Rivers.





USS TENNESSEE JOINS NAVY LEAGUERS

For the Chattanooga Navy Leaguers who were able to move fast, June 14th at the Walden Club was a great event. With just a few days notice, we were able to corral the Captain and two chiefs from the USS Tennessee SSBN 734 for lunch at the Walden Club. This was our opportunity to thank the Tennessee crew for hosting us on our two visits to the boat down in Kings Bay, GA over the last several years.

The USS Tennessee had a half dozen crew members spread out through Chattanooga for Navy Week and we had the Captain of the "Blue Crew", Cmdr. Paul A. Seitz, and Chief Petty Officers Cooper and Ferrara with us at the Walden. Bits and pieces that we were learned: Capt Seitz's route to the Navy included by first being a high school math teacher, then a PHD mathematics candidate, being picked up by a special Navy doctorate program and finally into the nuclear program!



Photo caption highlighted in next column, bottom of page.

Hard to figure out the specialties for the two chiefs but Cooper's focus is on the subs IT and communications systems while Ferrara is much involved with all the mechanical systems. Note: this info may not be completely accurate but you get the idea. These young men have awesome responsibilities.

They also reported that on a sub everyone needs to know about everything. One never knows where they will be when an emergency happens and you'd better be able to handle whatever is nearby.

For the 16 Navy Leaguers and who were able to be there, this rendezvous was well worth it and the Club put out a red-carpet feast that our Navy guests won't soon forget.



NAVY BALL IS ON!

The Social Event of the Year

Mark your calendars. The Navy Ball is scheduled for Saturday October 13th, 2018. The important detail of the location is not yet quite nailed down but there will be ample notice of that once it is. It won't be at the Choo-Choo which is no longer in the "function" business.

We are aiming to have an event that rivals last year's most successful Ball which had over 140 participants. As in the past two years, our Navy League Council has the responsibility for the Navy Ball with help from the entire local Navy community.

The Navy Ball draws together the Chattanooga Navy community in a way no other activity does. It will include local active duty Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard members, reservists and veterans of all services, Sea Scout supporters, Navy Leaguers and families and friends of all of the above. The elegance and pageantry of the Navy Ball makes the occasion rank as one of the most special events of the year in Chattanooga.

So for now, just get this date on your calendar: October 13th.

Those attending the USS Tennessee luncheon at the Walden Club are (l/r): Ron Galante, Charles Damman, Dan Saieed, Kimberly King, John Niemeyer, Alden Perry, Mickey McCamish, Tom McGrath, Dan Williams, Dick Lewellan, CDR Paul Seitz, CPO Cooper, Kurt Stagmeir, CPO Ferrara, Stacy Kehoe, Vince Patterson, Brainard Cooper, Willard Rice -- plus Mark Parks (not in photo).

Local Sea Cadet Snares National Scholarship

Callie Regal Earns NSCC Award

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps Scholarship Committee selected 14 new college scholarship award recipients, and six are being renewed. A total of 20 awards across the country are being made this year with a total award payment of \$51,500. CPO Callie Regal of our local Chattanooga Division was one of the 14 new National Scholarship awardees. Her first-year scholarship is for \$2500 but, being renewable annually, can total \$10,000 over 4 years.



CPO Callie Regal

Her scholarship, the "LCDR H. E. Mooberry Scholarship" which is funded by the National Capital Council, Navy League of the United States is the only new scholarship of the four "Mooberry" scholarships awarded this year.. the other three being awarded to previous recipients. Callie has been a dedicated and inspiring Sea Cadet and has been recognized for her many accomplishments locally.. but it is especially rewarding to see that she is competing and winning on the national level.

When asked about what the Sea Cadet program has meant to her, she replied with this: *"When I was thirteen, I was looking .for*

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something that would give me exposure to the military and a chance to learn leadership. The Sea Cadets provided me with this opportunity while showing me the value of teamwork and camaraderie.

The program's summer trainings taught me how to push through extremely difficult mental and physical challenges, building my confidence. My favorite trainings were Field Med and being a staff cadet at League Orientation. Field Med taught me so much about treating and responding to emergency situations. League Orientation taught me how to lead under pressure while adapting to new and unpredictable situations.

These were experiences that helped shape what I want to do. Meeting such a diverse and incredibly influential group of people through the program has given me a family and mentors that have helped me become who I am today.

In the fall, I will be attending the University of North Georgia and joining their ROTC program, becoming a part of the Corps of Cadets. I am so excited for this next step in life. I am majoring in International Affairs so that I can continue with my passion for communication, leadership, travel, and languages. The Sea Cadets has helped prepare me for this upcoming chapter in life, and I am so grateful to have been a part of something so special. "..... Callie Regal.



U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

CHART YOUR COURSE

For more information on becoming a part of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, please contact:

Commanding Officer, Chattanooga Division, USNSCC
Leigh Ann Beesley
chattanoogaseacadets@gmail.com
256-490-8597

The Coast Guard ... It's Not Just the Coast

The Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* is scheduled to depart July 24 from Seattle for a four-month deployment to the Arctic Ocean to carry out multiple scientific research missions, the 13th Coast Guard District announced.

The *Healy* will be present in the Arctic while conducting three major science research missions in partnership with the National Science Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Office of Naval Research. Scientists aboard will conduct physical and biological oceanographic research in the Arctic Ocean.

Healy's first mission is a NOAA-sponsored mission to increase understanding of biological processes along Alaska's Continental Shelf. The second mission is to understand how upper-level ocean stratification and sea ice in the Beaufort Sea is responding to inflow and surface forcing changes. The ship will deploy undersea moorings and specialized on-ice instruments.

The *Healy's* final mission is examining the effects of the Pacific water inflow into the Arctic and its associated boundary current on the ecosystem. This study combines spring and fall shipboard measurements with data transmitted from a subsea moorings.

Under the command of Capt. Greg Tlapa, *Healy* is the nation's premiere high-latitude research vessel. It is one of the only U.S. military surface vessels that is capable of operating in the ice-covered waters of the Arctic. In addition to science operations, *Healy* and the crew are also capable of conducting search and rescue, ship escort, environmental protection and the enforcement of laws and treaties.

Home ported in Seattle, *Healy* is the largest ship in the U.S. Coast Guard at 420 feet long with a displacement of over 16,000 tons and a permanent crew of 87. *Source - Seapower Magazine*

Coast Guard Cutter Healy, a medium icebreaker, in the Chukchi Sea off the Alaska coast last summer. She's headed out for 4 month Arctic mission on July 24th."



August 04 U.S. Coast Guard 228th. Birthday
August 16 Council Dinner Meeting, The Walden Club, 6:00 pm
October 13 U.S. Navy 243rd. Birthday Ball
November 29 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party, The Walden Club (Details to be announced).

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remembering the Fallen Five servicemen that were killed on July 16, 2015 by the terrorist at the Navy Operations Support Center. The Chattanooga Division Sea Cadets performed at this program with the presentation of Colors; the Sea Cadets were impressive and made us Navy Leaguers proud to be supporters of this program.

A couple of upcoming events-so please save the date and make plans to attend. First is our dinner meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018, with U. S. Coast Guard Master Chief Sean McMahon as our keynote speaker; Master Chief is the Officer in Charge of the USCGC Ouachita. Also, please mark your calendar for the U. S. Navy's 243rd birthday celebration that will be held as the Navy Ball on Saturday, October 13, 2018 (location to be announced). Another important upcoming event is our annual meeting and Christmas party, which will be on Thursday, November 29, 2018, this date is to try and avoid so many other events that are scheduled between Thanksgiving (November 22, 2018) and Christmas.

I hope that your summer is going well, I look forward to seeing you at our August 16, 2018 dinner meeting and appreciate your membership in our Greater Chattanooga Chapter of the Navy League of the United States.

With much appreciation,

Mickey McCamish, President



Navy Band Climbs ...

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Admiral Pearigan, Chief of the US Navy Medical Corps, pulled rank and did the heavy lifting of swearing in the hundred plus Navy, Army and Air Force recruits assembled on the stage. The Band played on.



The sharp Captain McCamish and casual Lt Rice at Riverbend.

But that wasn't all. For anyone going to Riverbend early, when, yes, it was hot, there was the 7 piece Navy Brass Band putting on an hour-long jazz, blues and pop music concert on the Unum stage. These guys could play anywhere. The Brass Band guys were a subset of the Ceremonial Band whose other members hightailed it back to Norfolk as soon as the Rear Admiral left. The **Week of Riverbend** became the **Week of Navy**, since the combo was the first performance at Riverbend most nights.



Navy League President Mickey McCamish and WDEF Channel 12 reporter Emily Cassulo after interview ~ the uniform gets the girl every time.

An interesting tidbit on the Navy bands: All the members are professional quality musicians and have enlisted rank. The officers leading and managing the band organization, such as LT Joseph Coats who directed the Ceremonial Band, all rose from the enlisted musician ranks. That way, they ensure that anyone leading the band has the "chops" to do the job... no inserting some neophyte into an available slot.

So how do you survive Riverbend and get to partake in Navy Week? (Note: Navy thought it was a rousing success and they may come back soon).

Just slip into town at 5 or 5:15 by whatever secret traffic-avoidance route you've perfected over the years. Feed a couple of quarters into a meter right downtown. The meter maids can't be checking at quarter to six, can they? The worker bees will have jumped ship and the nighttime revelers won't have arrived.

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Navy Band Climbs ...

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The Navy Brass Band up on the Unum Stage.

Riverbend booths will just be starting up so you can walk anywhere with no crowds. Yes, it's hot but, with virtually no one to compete with for shade, you can find comparatively cool spots anywhere you linger. In case you did prepare for rain, you can break out your umbrella for a sunshade. You'll have your pick of any band and any vantage point. Keep moving to find what music you like most and with the sound volume you can handle.



Navy Brass Band - or is it The Blues Brothers?

By the time the serious crowds come after 8 pm, you can "Get Out of Dodge," unless a band you really want to hear is coming up soon.

You may be lucky enough to chance upon Friends-of-the-Festival insider Mickey McGamish, and he might slip you, a Navy Leaguer, a VIP pass to the private R&R center behind the main Coke stage. Food, including the best bratwurst this side of the Rhine, and beverages flow freely and the lounge chairs are comfy.

It can be done. You can survive. See you at the next Navy Week.



Lt Joseph Coats, US Navy Commemorative Band Leader and Lt Emily McCamy, Navy Community Outreach Command- Nashville.



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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: 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



OUR ADOPTED COMMAND AND UNITS

Make Plans Now to Join Us

COUNCIL DINNER MEETING

Thursday, August 16, 2018



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

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

Social Time (Cash Bar in adjacent lounge)	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
Guest Speaker: U.S. Coast Guard Master Chief Sean McMahon	7:30 PM
50/50 Drawing and Announcements	8:15 PM
Adjournment	8:30 PM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, below, to arrive no later than noon Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

RESERVATION FORM

COUNCIL DINNER MEETING

Thursday, August 16, 2018

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 Mark Parks: 423-326-0839, **no later than NOON, Tuesday, August 14th**. Mark may also be reached at parks8192@gmail.com. Reservations and/or cancellations should **reach us NO LATER THAN NOON, TUESDAY, August 14, 2018**. Mail reservation form along with your check, made payable to *Chattanooga Navy League*, to:

Mark Parks
6920 Sawtooth Drive
Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894



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www.chattanoogaavyleague.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.**