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President Chuck Stevenson's Letter to Council Members

I am honored by the trust you have placed in me to take the helm of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States. I will do my best to justify your confidence in my leadership ability and, with your help, continue to steer a steady course as we support and promote the sea services in the Atlanta metropolitan region.



As my first act as your new president, I would like to thank each of you for your support. Your sponsorship helps us promote the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Merchant Marine in the region. As you know, we are committed to youth education, specifically we support:

- Thirty-seven High School NJROTC and MCJROTC units
- NROTC units at Georgia Tech and Moorehouse
- Five Sea Cadet Units

We also support USS Jimmy Carter (SSN-23), USS Georgia (SSGN-729), and various recognition programs for sailors at NAS Atlanta, the Naval Recruiting District Atlanta, Navy Operations Support Center Atlanta, and Navy Support Activity, which includes the Navy Supply Corp School, in Athens, GA.

The work that we do would not be possible without your help.

I would also like to thank the members of your Board of Directors for volunteering their valuable time and energy to keep our numerous programs and initiatives afloat. The next time you meet a Board member, please pass a BRAVO ZULU (Navy signal for "Well Done") for their service. If you have not been active in our programs and are looking for a worthy and rewarding pursuit, please contact me or any Board member (<http://atlanta.navyleague.us/contact.cfm>). I'm sure we can match your interest with one of our many initiatives.

Please join me in welcoming aboard the new Board members listed below. We will be featuring their biographies, plans and aspirations in future newsletter articles and on our web site (<http://atlanta.navyleague.us>).

Frank Campbell - VP/Chairman Youth Services

Theodore L. (Ted) Daywalt - Chairman Operation Highline

Jefferson K. (Jeff) Alexander, Sr - Coast Guard & Merchant Marine Affairs/Liaison

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Navy League National President Elect J. Michael (Mike) McGrath Installed 2007 Council Officers and Directors At March 8 Meeting

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Gregory D. (Greg) Schillo - Marine Corps Affairs/Liaison

Mark W. Edson - Director

During the next several months I will be reviewing each of our ongoing programs with program leadership to set specific objectives for 2007. I am also soliciting your ideas and recommendations on what Navy League can do to better serve our constituents. I can be contacted via our web site at <http://atlanta.navyleague.us/contact.cfm>.

Thanks again for your support and confidence. I am looking forward to a very successful 2007.

Charles A. Stevenson, President, Atlanta Metropolitan Council

Colonel Douglas M. Hardison, USMC, Commanding Officer Marine Air Group 42 Spoke at January 18 Dinner Meeting



Then President Harley Jones presented Colonel Hardison with a copy of the Navy League publication *Defending Freedoms - Our Navy-Marine Corps team* in appreciation following his presentation.

Over 45 Atlanta Metropolitan Council members heard Colonel Hardison speak of the current current situation in Iraq based on his two tours in country.

Council Members generated a lively question and answers session following his speech.

METRO ATLANTA COUNCIL SPONSORED A RECEPTION FOR COMMANDER SUBGROUPS 9 & 10 WEDNESDAY MARCH 14 6-8 PM AT PFEIFFER'S CLUB, NAS ATLANTA



President Chuck Stevenson presents RADM Drennan with a Commissioning Picture of the USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) during the reception.. The admiral spoke of the current status of the Navy and the high morale of Navy personnel. In support of Navy Week, Rear Admiral Frank M. Drennan USN was honored at a Reception March 14. Other Navy personnel in town for

NAVY WEEK were: **Admiral's Staff** YNC(SW) D. A. LACY, LT Phil Yi (Flag LT)* LT Kyle Raines (PAO); **USS Georgia (SSGN 729)**: CO: CDR R. Hutton COB: CMC B. Prince c. LTJG Chris Victor YNC(SS) Tim Austin, Admin/Personnel Officer EM1(SS) James McCartney; 2006 Sailor of the Year ET2(SS) Corey Woods, **USS GEORGIA** Junior Sailor of the Quarter MM3(SS) Kenneth Ridley, **USS GEORGIA** 2006 Junior Sailor of the Year **USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)** LCDR John Sharpe (PAO) ENS Arlo Abrahamson, (PAO) CAPT (MC) Roger Hanks MMCM Calvin Watson OS1 Fredrick Lewis YN3 Hadassah Hill CS3 Jack Diaz, Captain's Chef MCSN Candice Villarreal **Navy Band Southeast (NBSE)**: LCDR Rick Bailey MU1 Kenny Oliver MU1 Joe Dowdy



**NARS B-1 NSCC Chief Petty Officers
Jared Coleman and Jesse Ware
Awarded AW2 Jason Lawson, USN
Award of Excellence.**

Mrs. Roz Coleman presented the
AW2 JASON LAWSON AWARD OF
EXCELLENCE to Chief Petty Officers
Jared Coleman, NSCC (left) and Chief
Petty Officer Jesse Ware, NSCC (right)

of NARS B-1 Squadron during the Squadrons' annual inspection. Commanding Officer Lt Rick Faber, NSCC joins them. This award is only given to deserving cadets that obtain the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

It is named for Aviation Warfare Systems Operator Second Class (AW2) Jason Edward Lawson who was one of three Navy personnel lost in a helicopter training accident off the coast of Greece on March 12, 2002. Born in 1980, Jason was a former member of the NARS B-1 Sea Cadet Unit.

Jason was anchored on solid ground due to the upbringing he received from his parents, Jesse Lawson (deceased) and Roz Lawson Coleman.

In his three years at NARS B-1, Jason rose to become Leading Petty Officer, the cadet commanding the unit, then CPO. In each of those years the Unit was ranked in the top ten units in the country. In 1999, the year he graduated from high school, Jason was named National Sea Cadet of the Year.

VADM Ronald A. Route, USN. Naval Inspector General, To Speak At May 3 Dinner 7:00 PM, Thursday, 3 May 2007

Please join us in welcoming our distinguished guest who is in his 36th year of service. The menu will include a salad, an entree, dessert, and tea or coffee. A cash bar will be available. The price is \$30 per person. The Atlanta Metropolitan Council is billed for non-attendees who make reservations but do not cancel at least 48 hours in advance. Anyone in this category will be expected to pay the cost of the dinner(s) reserved. Cash bar available at 6:30 PM Civilian dress: Business attire Military dress: Uniform of the Day

HOLIDAY INN SELECT 4386 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA. 770 296-6014

Directions from I-285: **Going east on 285:** Take the Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd. exit 30; turn right and look for the Holiday Inn sign on the right. **Going west on 285:** Take exit 30 to Chamblee- Dunwoody Road. Turn left and look for the Holiday Inn sign on the right.

**E-mail your reservation request to Clarke Franklin at dcfranklin@bellsouth.net.
(Phone 770 399-9417 if you do not have access to e-mail).**

Checks for \$30.00 per person should be made out to "Atlanta Metropolitan Council, NLUS" and will be collected at the door. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY BUT NO LATER THAN 27 APRIL 2007. Spouses and guests are welcome.

PRESIDENT STEVENSON CONGRATULATES CPO JAMES TYLER PHILLIPS, NSCC NAMED 2007 NSCC CADET OF YEAR

The Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States is pleased to announce that Chief Petty Officer James Tyler Phillips, the leading Petty Officer of the Warrior Division Douglasville, GA, was notified March 5, that he was selected as the 2007 Willis E. Reed Navy Sea Cadet Corps National Sea Cadet of the year. Warrior Division is one of five Sea Cadet Units the Atlanta Council sponsors. He was a PO1 when nominated and was promoted to CPO March 3 which is the reason he is in his PO1 uniform for the picture with Council President Chuck Stevenson.



CPO Phillips, 17, a home schooled senior [accredited with New Creation Center McDonough, Georgia](#), has also earned a Congressional Competitive Appointment to US Military Academy. He is the son of [Anthony and Donna Phillips](#) of Covington, Georgia.

CPO Phillips enrolled in the Navy League Cadet Corps in the spring of 2003 and has had a significant number of training duties (15) encompassing 148 days of training commencing in June 2003. This is one of the highest number of training days for any cadet nationwide over past several years.

CPO Phillips training was performed at the following facilities:

NLCC Orientation / Whiting Field, FL; NSCC Recruit Training / Ft Stewart, GA; Submarine Seminar / Kings Bay, GA; POLA / Great Lakes, IL; Sailing School / Pensacola, FL; EOD/MDSU / Norfolk, VA; POLA (staff)/ Milton, FL; MAA Training / Newport, RI; Basic Airman / Norfolk, VA; FAA Ground School-Sport Pilot / Auburn, AL; Mine Warfare Ops/ Ingleside, TX; Advanced Sailing, Pensacola, FL; Naval History and Defense / Newport, RI; FAA Ground School-Private Pilot / Auburn, AL, and Field Medical Training, Boise, Idaho.

His High school and outside activities include:

National Honor Society; Boy Scouts—Eagle Scout; Volunteer LT with Covington, GA Police Dept—2 years; Fund Raiser for Cancer Society—2 years; Active in Habitat for Humanity, built shelters —4 years; Completed missionary trips to Mexico to help in poverty areas —5 years; Participates in food drives for homeless —4 years; Participated in memorial parades / celebrations; Achieved Sport/ Private pilots license —2005 / 2006; nominated for 2006 Eagle Scout of the Year and 2006 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

His Sea Cadet Ribbons include:

Congressional Awards (four); Fourth YR Ribbon; Unit Commendation; Staff Cadet; Academic Achievement; Recruiting; Marksmanship; Sons of Am Revolution Youth Award, and Veterans of Foreign War Award for Excellence.

FRANK CAMPBELL VP Youth Services

Frank was born in Yonkers, New York and pursued his initial college studies in Aeronautics at State University of New York at Farmingdale. In 1965 he enlisted in the Navy's Aviation Reserve Officer's Candidate Program and embarked on a 23 year career with the Navy. He completed his B.S. in Aviation Engineering at Western Michigan University in 1967 and was commissioned into the Navy's flight program. After earning designation as a Naval Aviator, Frank served in a variety of training, patrol, and logistics squadrons accruing over 4500 hours in several aircraft including the Lockheed P-3C, C-130, T-28, Beech C-12 and Grumman C-1A. He has also logged over 100 landings on 11 different aircraft carriers. Frank served aboard USS John F. Kennedy as ASW Officer and completed three assignments in navy recruiting where his team was named the number one officer recruiting program in the nation.

Following Navy retirement in 1988, Frank was employed as a Senior Naval Junior ROTC Instructor for Cobb County Schools. During his 18 year "second career", his three units achieved numerous Distinguished Unit Awards(with honors) as well as three National Championships in drill, athletics and orienteering. Six of his Cobb County cadets have been recognized by the Atlanta Metropolitan Council as recipients or runner ups of the coveted Outstanding Cadet Award. He retired from Cobb County Schools in June 2006.

Frank holds an MBA from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the United States Orienteering Federation . He is active with his church and has served in leadership with numerous youth education programs locally and nationally, including Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Sea Scouting, BSA Exploring and Venturing, Naval Sea Cadets and JROTC.

Frank and his wife Jeane reside in Marietta, Georgia and have four children and two grandchildren.

Frank Campbell Shares Vision as New VP Youth Services

There is nothing more rewarding than to see young people grow into responsible citizens, secure in their chosen path. Those youngsters who choose to embark on the challenge of military careers bring even a greater sense of pride to their families, mentors and community.

Youth programs have been an integral part of my life ever since I can remember. I am the product of a high school military program myself which provided me the character education, military foundation and motivation to pursue a successful Navy career. I decided early on, that I would someday return that "favor" and become a mentor to other youngsters seeking direction. Over 37 years of working with youth has only reinforced my faith in the youth of America. I have been truly blessed to mentor some of the finest teens in the nation.

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EX PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to extend a thank you and best wishes to your new president Chuck Stevenson and the incoming officers and board members. Their willingness to give of their time and energy is appreciated. I also extend my thanks and deep appreciation for our membership's support. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Patti Chmiel, Casey Coane, Roz Coleman, Steve Dworschak, Rick Faber, Clarke Franklin, Bobby Green, Larry Hamilton, Bonnie Jones, Laura McIntosh, Al Mota, Bill Schwendler, Phil Sullivan and Bob Wise. Don Giles was presented the Scroll of Honor for his outstanding work. Don devotes countless hours to the Navy and Navy League. Please give him your thanks.

Your Atlanta Council carries the Navy banner in North Georgia. With the closing of NAS Atlanta your NL will be called on even more. Your efforts and financial support is needed to keep it strong. We have fresh leadership. Please give Chuck your support. Come to NL functions. Let us hear from you and again thanks for all that you do. God Bless. Harley

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The Metropolitan Council, Navy League is indeed privileged to support over 4000 Sea Cadet, NROTC and Junior ROTC cadets in the greater Atlanta area. Our council boasts a recently named National Sea Cadet of the Year as well as several nationally ranked Navy and Marine Corps JROTC programs. May 10th, our council will host the annual Cadet of the Year Dinner recognizing the absolute best of our 5 Sea Cadet units and 39 Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units. Many of our Navy League members have already been traveling to each of these units to personally recognize local cadet winners. Final selections will be announced at the dinner on 10 May.

I encourage our local membership to get involved with these remarkable Sea Cadet, NROTC and Junior ROTC cadets and their respective units. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to spearhead this involvement as Vice President of Youth Services. My personal goals are as follows:

Continue to facilitate educational opportunities and sea power programs for our youth. Provide meaningful recognition programs to our growing number of Sea Cadet and ROTC programs.

Facilitate and assist in the introduction of new Sea Cadet and JROTC charters in the Metropolitan area including recruitment of adult leadership.

Increase public awareness of the role of our youth in contributing to their community, state and nation.

Please plan on joining us 10 May for our annual Youth Awards Dinner. CAPT Wayne Radloff, Commanding Officer, Georgia Tech/Morehouse, will be our guest speaker for the occasion. We promise an unforgettable evening which will truly warm your heart.

2007 Officers and Directors



Plan to attend
VADM Route, USN Dinner May 3
Youth Awards Banquet May 10

The Navy League of the United States is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well-being are dependent upon strong sea services- United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marine. **Email**

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