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Atlanta Metropolitan Council Welcomes Ironclad Division Sea Cadet Unit

Council President Chuck Stevenson is pleased to announce the addition of the Ironclad Division to the Sea Cadet Units sponsored by the Council. Ensign Chris Swanson, NSCC is the Commanding Officer and ENS Zale Lewallen, NSCC is the Executive Officer. The Unit drills at the Navy Operations Support Center, 414 4th Street Columbus, GA 31901



The unit's website was chosen as the NATIONAL Sea Cadet web site of the month for June 2007 and the website proudly displays that virtual medal (Click here www.ironcladdivison.com).

In other unit news, Midshipman Mary Lewallen, NSCC former CPO and two time winner of the Wm. T. Schwendler outstanding sea cadet award, was presented with one of the few and coveted USNSCC college scholarships in June of 2007. Following in her footsteps of

outstanding cadet performance is her younger sister PO1 Lindsay Lewallen. NSCC who, while at Advanced Navy League training in June, was awarded the NLCC Merit ribbon for outstanding leadership ability. As one of the youngest PO1's the 11 year old NL-6 Lewallen was selected as an assistant company commander, supervising sixteen 11 to 13 year old boys (pictured left). Recently named the Ironclad's SLPO by Commanding Officer ENS Swanson she is following in her big sis's footsteps!

Atlanta Metropolitan Council Seeking Corporate Sponsors

The Atlanta Metropolitan Council is initiating a campaign to solicit corporate sponsorships for our significant 2008 activities; such as the Youth Awards Banquet and Navy Birthday Ball. If you know of an organization that is a prospect, please contact Norm Berkowitz at norm@powersolutions.com. Norm is spearheading this initiative for the Council. More details to follow.

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From the President...

Chuck Stevenson

If you follow our Web Site, you know that your Navy League Council continues to actively support and promote the Sea Service in the Atlantic metropolitan area. It was an honor to host RADM Carl V. Mauney, Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87), at a luncheon at the Ga Tech Conference Center on 19 June. Admiral Mauney's remarks about the contribution our Sailors and Marines are making in the GWOT and the CNO's vision of a "1000 Ship Navy" were very enlightening. National Director Don Giles chaired the Nominating Committee for Area Presidents and National Directors, which resulted in a very strong slate to represent us on the national level. A few of us also participated in the NAS Atlanta Dining Out on 18 August.

I am also happy to announce that three strong Sea Services supporters have joined your Board of Directors. Please join me in welcoming our new Directors - Akhtar Sadiq, David G. Beasley and Norm Berkowitz.

Several very important activities are in planning for the remainder of this year, including:

- Joint Navy League/Association of Naval Aviators Farewell Reception for CAPT Rick Cline on 29 August
- NAS Atlanta Change of Command on 7 September
- NROTC Reception tentatively planned for 11 or 12 September
- The NAS Atlanta Navy Ball on 20 October
- Navy League National Convention 30 October-4 November

Past President Harley Jones is also looking for volunteers to help him coordinate support for the USS Georgia (SSGN-729) Return to Service in March 2008. You are invited to participate in any of these upcoming events. More information is available on our Web Site (<http://atlanta.navyleague.us>).

As you can see, there are many opportunities for each of you to participate in Council functions and to contribute your energy in support of the sea services in metro Atlanta. If you are not already involved and want to be, give me a call or drop me an email (chucks525@aol.com). I am sure I can match your interest with a project.

PRESIDENT BUSH NAMES ADM ROUGHHEAD CNO

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced Aug. 2 that President George W. Bush has nominated Adm. Gary Roughead for reappointment to the grade of admiral and assignment as chief of naval operations, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Roughead is currently serving as commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

Congratulations to the following Atlanta Metro NJROTC Units on their selection for the Navy Distinguished Unit and Unit Achievement Awards for the 2006-2007 School Year.

These awards recognize the top 15% and top 30% of the more than 600 Navy JROTC units in the nation.

DISTINGUISHED UNIT AWARD (Top 15%)

*Baldwin County HS; *Cross Creek HS (Augusta);
*Henry County HS; *Kennesaw Mountain HS;
*Lassiter HS; Lithonia HS; *Southwest Dekalb HS;
Stockbridge HS; *Union Grove
*With Honors

UNIT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Top 30%)

Duluth HS, Eagles Landing HS, Lee County HS, McEachern HS, Upson – Lee HS
Westside HS (Augusta), Greenbrier HS (Augusta)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW SEA CADET
COMMANDING OFFICERS**

All of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council sponsored Sea Cadet Units Commanding Officers have changed since the first of the year. Council President Chuck Stevenson is pleased to welcome them to their new positions of responsibility.

NSCC C-Bee Stingers Battalion

Augusta, GA
Commanding Officer - LTJG Jennifer L. Pettis, NSCC

NARS B-1

Marietta, GA
Commanding Officer - LT JG Bernice Keith, NSCC

USNSCC Warrior Division and USNLCC Training Ship Warrior Division

Douglasville, GA
Commanding Officer - LTJG Rhonda "Smitty" Smith, NSCC

233rd Seabee Battalion

Loganville, GA
Commanding Officer, LTJG Charles Holland, NSCC

2745th Seabee Battalion

Marietta, GA
Commanding Officer, LTJG Brian Fleming, NSCC

IRON CLAD DIVISION

Columbus, GA
Commanding Officer - ENS Chris Swanson, NSCC

Profiles of our Board of Directors
Don Giles, Captain, U.S. Navy (Retired)
Vice President, Legislative Affairs

Don is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. He was commissioned an Ensign through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Auburn University in June 1967. After earning designation as a Naval Aviator in July 1968, he was assigned to Patrol Squadron Sixteen at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, where he was a P-3A "Orion" Patrol Plane Commander and deployed to Argentina, Newfoundland, Bermuda, and Sigonella, Sicily.

His first shore assignment was Officer Programs Officer at Navy Recruiting District, Montgomery during transition from the draft to our all-volunteer force. He flew officer candidate orientation flights in the T-34 "Mentor." He served aboard USS AMERICA (CV-66) as Surface/Subsurface Warfare Coordinator, Air Warfare Coordinator, and as a Tactical Action Officer. He flew the C-1A "Trader" aircraft during deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and South America.

He attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he earned a Master of Science Degree in National Security Affairs, and a subspecialty designation in Naval Intelligence. He reported to Patrol Squadron Forty-Seven at Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California in April 1979, and served as Assistant Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer and P-3C Patrol Plane Commander and Mission Commander. He deployed to Adak, Alaska and Misawa, Japan and was Officer-in-Charge during Adak detachment operations.

He served as an Action Officer in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Command, Control and Communications Systems Directorate at the Pentagon before reporting as Executive Officer, Patrol Squadron Fifty in May 1983. He completed a six-month dual-site deployment to Misawa, Japan and Adak, Alaska in June 1984. He assumed command of Patrol Squadron Fifty in August 1984, and deployed to Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territories where he served as Commander Task Group Seventy-Two point Eight with responsibility for Antisubmarine Operations in the Indian Ocean.

After attending the Post-command Course at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, he began a series of assignments in Navy Recruiting: Commanding Officer, Navy Recruiting District, Atlanta; Executive Assistant to Commander, Navy Recruiting Command; Head, Accessions and Retention Plans and Policy Branch (OP-136) in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; Director, Plans and Policy Department, Navy Recruiting Command; Commander, Navy Recruiting Area Seven; and lastly, Deputy Commander, Navy Recruiting Command in August 1992. He retired from active duty in August 1994. He resides with his wife, Sherryl, in Marietta, Georgia. They have three sons: Donald, Norman, and Steven.

He has been a Navy League member since October 1994, and has served as Atlanta Metropolitan Council President, Georgia State President, and South Atlantic Coast Region President. He currently serves on the Atlanta Metropolitan Council Board of Directors as Vice President for Legislative Affairs, and on the National Navy League Board of Directors. He also serves on the Steering and Executive Committees for the Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council. He is an Elder in the East Cobb Church of Christ. (Continued on Page 5)

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As our Vice President for Legislative Affairs, Don supports the national Navy League Grassroots Legislative Affairs Initiative. His responsibility to the Council includes maintaining frequent contact with seven congressional representatives in Georgia. The Council's Legislative Affairs Committee is charged to brief these representatives to focus attention on Navy League priorities to support our Maritime Services. Our goal is to complete 100% of these briefings, and to maintain communications with each representative at least twice annually. Don Giles is also appointed as the Georgia Area VP for Legislative Affairs and is our POC for both Georgia Senators.

Our current Atlanta Metropolitan Council Legislative Affairs Committee members and their assigned members of Congress are:

- Don Giles, VP Legislative Affairs.....Senator Saxby Chambliss
-Senator Johnny Isakson
- Al Mota..... Rep. Phil Gingrey (GA 11)
- Open.....Rep. John Lewis (GA 5)
- Phil Sullivan.....Rep. Tom Price (GA 6)
- Open.....Rep. John Linder (GA 7)
- Harley Jones.....Rep. Nathan Deal (GA 9)
- Open.....Rep. Hank Johnson (GA 4)
- Gene McCarthy.....Rep. David Scott (GA 13)

The objective of our Grassroots Legislative Affairs initiative is to present the Navy League Brief face-to-face with the congressman (alternatively to a staff representative, if unable to get an appointment with the congressman). To date, our Atlanta Council has completed seven briefings:

In addition to the vacancies noted on our Council Committee, Navy League Members are also needed to be our Grassroots Liaison for House of Representatives Members:

- Stanford Bishop (GA 2)
- Jim Marshall (GA 8)
- Lynn Westmoreland (GA 3)
- Open District (GA 10) when a replacement for Charlie Norwood is determined)

If you have interest in participating on the Legislative Affairs Committee, please call Don Giles (770-509-3772).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Phil Sullivan, VP Membership

- Arthur D. Capron, Alpharetta, GA; Michael D. Dvorscak, Alpharetta, GA;
- D. Kim Ellis, Dunwoody, GA; Representative Phil Gingrey, Marietta, GA
- John S. Goshart, McDonough, GA; Michael S. Hairston, Dunwoody, GA
- Senator Johnny Isakson, Atlanta, GA; Capt Sean Kings, Kennesaw, GA
- Dr H. D. Meaders, Marietta, GA; CPO James Tyler Phillips, NSCC, Covington, GA
- CDR Terry Nolan, USN (Ret), Stone Mountain, GA; Michael E. Tabb, Marietta, GA

As of August 4, 2007 we have 367 Members

RADM Mauney, Director Submarine Warfare Division (OPNAV N87) June 19 Luncheon Speaker Nominated for VADM

On August 15 Rear Adm. Carl V. Mauney was nominated for appointment to the grade of vice admiral and assignment as deputy commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base.



On June 19th Adm Mauney, a Georgia Tech graduate took time from his visit to the Georgia Tech Research Center to speak to the council members following lunch at the Georgia Tech Conference center. He provided an update on the submarine force, spoke of the impressive job naval personnel are doing in Iraq and Afghanistan as civil policy coordinators and the Seabees are heavily involved in reconstruction projects. He also discussed the Naval War College

Current Strategy Seminar held recently in Newport, RI, the current Maritime Strategy and his appearance at the French Cemetery for the D-Day anniversary earlier this month. Council President Chuck Stevenson presents Adm Mauney with a copy of Our Navy and Marine Corps Team Defending Freedom in appreciation for his presentation.

Adm. Mauney, a native of Jackson, Miss., graduated from Georgia Tech in 1975 and was with a Navy Commission and received a Masters Degree from Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1990. He completed various submarine assignments and served as Commanding Officer USS L. Mendel Rivers (SSN 686) and Commander, Submarine Squadron 4 in Groton, Conn. He had various shore tours and following promotion to Flag Rank in July 2003, served as Director, Strategy, Policy and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. He was then assigned as Director of Plans and Operations for U.S. Naval Forces Europe/U.S. 6th Fleet, Deputy Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, Commander, Submarine Group 8/Task Force 69 and in NATO as Commander, Allied Submarines Naval Forces South. Rear Adm. Mauney has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and various other unit and service awards.

USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) Return to Service Ceremony

Harley Jones is chairing a Council Committee to coordinate the ceremony to celebrate the return to service for USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) at Kings Bay Georgia to be held in March 2008. Past national President Shelia McNeill is heading the statewide effort which includes all five Georgia Councils. She and Keith Post, President Kings Bay Council attended the June 19 luncheon and then met with Harley Jones, Al Mota, Don Giles and Larry Hamilton to discuss ideas. Planning is currently being done via email. If you would like to be a member of the committee or have any ideas please contact Harley at 770 965-6747 or email htjones@mindspring.com.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LT RICK FABER, NSCC FOR EARNING THE
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RIBBON FOR HIS TOUR AS CO, NARS B-1**

UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

SOUTHERN REGION 05-05

Recommendation for

NSCC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RIBBON




In the case of:

**LIEUTENANT
RICHARD L. FABER
UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS
NARS B-1 SQUADRON**

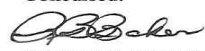
For service as set forth in the following citation:

“For exemplary and distinguished service while serving as Commanding Officer of NARS B-1 Squadron for 3 years from 2004 to 2007, Lieutenant Faber’s performance, initiative, and motivation are in all respects outstanding. Under his leadership, the unit maintained minimum manning standards [25 plus NSCC Cadets] while being relocated aboard NAS Atlanta numerous times as the base reorganized, grew, went through renovations and construction and now is being transferred to the Georgia ANG under BRAC. He has served numerous times as an Escort Officer ensuring his cadets get the trainings they require for advancement nation wide. His actions bring distinct credit upon himself, and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy, United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and NARS B-1 Squadron.”

Recommended:


LCDR TOMAS O. KLOMPS, NSCC
Regional Director
Southern Region 05-05

Concurred:


CAPT R.B. BAKER, USN (Ret)
Field Representative, Southeast Field Area
U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Approved:


M.D. FORD
Executive Director
U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

**Senator Johnny Isakson briefed by Vice President Legislative
Affairs Don Giles**



Senator Johnny Isakson accepts a copy of the Navy League History Book presented on behalf of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council by Don Giles, Council VP for Legislative Affairs. Senator Isakson became our newest Navy League member following a briefing on the Navy League on May 30, 2007.

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Calendar

September 7 NAS Atlanta Change of Command
September 11 Board Meeting
September TBD NROTC Reception
October 9 Board Meeting
October 20 Navy Ball
October 30 - November 4 Navy League National
Convention, Palm Desert, CA

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details. Contact Editor Larry Hamilton lar_babs@msn.com
with address or email change.

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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
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