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COUNCIL RECEIVES TWO AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 28-31



In left Photo National President Charles McGrath (center) presents President Chuck McCleskey (left) and National Director Don Giles (right) with the 2007 Outstanding Medium Council Award. In right photo National President Charles McGrath, President Chuck McCleskey, Patricia Du Mont, National VP for Public Relations and National Director Don Giles pose after presenting the 2007 Medium Council Public Relations Recognition Award at the National Convention in Kansas City, MO. 2007 was truly a banner year for Atlanta Metropolitan Council. The hard work and outstanding efforts of officers, directors and members has truly been recognized. The Council tied with Greater Central Texas Council to share first place for the Mackie Award.

10 Ensigns Commissioned At December 12 Georgia Tech NROTC Ceremony

RDML(Sel) Sinclair M. Harris, USN Deputy Director Expeditionary Warfare Division (N85B) gave the oath of Office to 10 new Ensigns from the Atlanta area NROTC Unit at Georgia Tech/Morehouse College 2008 Fall Commissioning Ceremony. ENS Alaina L. Clay, GA Tech, Surface Nuc Power, ENS Matthew E. Guidry, GA Tech, Aviation, ENS Evan R. Hayes, GA Tech, Naval Reactors, ENS Andrew C. Hoffman, GA Tech, Aviation, ENS Puyan A Kheshti, GA Tech, Surface, ENS Mark D. Lemons, GA Tech, Surface, ENS Benjamin T. Perkins, GA Tech, Submarines, ENS Casey L. Rogers, Southern Polytechnic State University, Explosive Ordinance Disposal Officer, ENS Oluyemisi H. Seeriki, Morehouse College, Surface, ENS Benjamin G Smith, GA Tech, Aviation. The Ceremony was held at 7 PM in Georgia Tech's Le Crow Auditorium.

From the President...

CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (ret)



Happy New year to All! I hope you had enjoyable holidays.

Volunteers Needed

In January we will have a planning session for 2009- please write me or call me if you have any ideas you would like to be considered for the Atlanta Metro Council in 2009. We have openings on several committees; if you would like to volunteer please let me know.

Recent Events

On October 18th-19th we participated in the Wings Over Marietta Air Show. We manned a booth with membership information on the Navy League. The show was spectacular and was attended by over 70,000 people not to mention the thousands lining Highway 41. NAVY was well represented by F-18s performing acrobatic maneuvers. The Coast Guard was also well represented by a Helicopter SAR demonstration, and the Marines had a great recruiting area set up.

The Navy League 2008 National Convention was held October 28th-November 1st in Kansas City. I attended along with Don Giles, and jointly we accepted the 2008 Outstanding Council Award and the 2008 Public Relations Award on behalf of the Atlanta Metro Council I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Past President, Chuck Stevenson, for his leadership last year. Chuck's leadership, coupled with the hard work of the Council Officers and Directors, was instrumental in our receiving these awards. I would also like to recognize Larry Hamilton, our VP of Public Affairs, for his outstanding efforts with the Council Newsletters, Website, and other Public Affairs activities which led to the receipt of the Public Relations award.

On Veteran's Day, November 11th, the Atlanta Council had a car in the Veteran's Day Parade. That evening we sponsored a table at the Veteran's Day Ball. Everyone enjoyed the event greatly- it is always pleasant to mingle with veterans from many services and eras, and their supporters.

Finally, we need everyone's help in recruiting new members so we can better support the sea services. What do you get for joining NLUS?

National dues fund SeaPower magazine and the Navy League's legislative affairs support for our sea services. The Navy League also presents significant awards to those who serve our country at sea. Local dues fund local youth awards for those who are preparing to serve our country at sea. Our council also receives a portion of National Dues which are used to provide awards to local commands for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. If you are interested in joining please contact Harley Jones, VP-Membership, at htjones@mindspring.com or myself.

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NATIONAL DUES

Life Member	\$500
Regular Member	\$50
Two-year Member	\$90
Three-year Member	\$125
Husband/Wife Member	\$85

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully

Chuck

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SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CAPTURES 5 AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



South Atlantic Coast Region recipients of national awards for 2007 at the National Navy League Convention in Kansas City, MO, October 28-31, 2008: (R to L) Dave Reiley, Georgia Area President; Jim Smith, Hilton Head, Meritorious Council; Nick Hart, National Director, Golden Isles Council, Outstanding Council; Tom Wright, South Atlantic Coast Council, (accepted "Honorable Mention

Council" for Piedmont Triad Council; Mike McGrath, National President; Keith Post, Camden-Kings Bay Council President, Outstanding Council; Chuck McCleskey, Atlanta Metropolitan Council President, Outstanding Council and Public Relations Award for Medium Councils.

ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN ATLANTA VETERANS DAY PARADE AND BANQUET



The Veterans Day Parade started at 11:11 a.m. Tuesday November 11 in downtown. The Georgia National Guard was honored this year and the Parade Marshal was Major General William T. Nesbitt, USA Adjutant General Georgia National Guard. He was also the speaker at the Banquet which started at 6 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton. The Council had a convertible with SK1 (SW/AW) Marvin C. Polk,

USN from Navy Recruiting Station Smyrna, CPL Nickloas C. Puzzuoli, USMC from HMLA 773 NAS Atlanta and CAPT Harley T. Jones USN (Ret) VP Membership in the parade.



Wes Sarginson, WXIA Channel 11 News Anchor was Master of Ceremoneies He posed with some of the Council members. Banquet attendees included (from left) Council Officers CAPT Harley (VP Membership) and Bonnie Jones; CAPT Don (VP Legislative Affairs) and Sherryl Giles; LCDR Frank Campbell (VP Youth Services), and Akhtar Sadiq (Treasurer). Parade photos - Frank Campbell, Banquet Photos Akhtar Sadiq

2009 Ballot In Your Mailbox Soon

The Nominating Committee (Don Giles Chair, Wm. T. Schwendler, Jr, and Larry Hamilton) has finished its task and the Ballots will be mailed by the end of January. Also included will be the Atlanta Metropolitan Council dues statement and the opportunity to support the Leadership Fund with a donation. For over 15 years this fund has provided the money to support our awards program, now involving over 45 NM/C JROTC Units, 8 Sea Cadet Units, Atlanta Region NROTC and Atlanta Area Naval commands. Please make this one of your first 2009 tax deductible contributions.



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Council Exhibits at Dobbins Air Show



Atlanta Metropolitan Council exhibited at the Wings Over Dobbins Air Show October 18-19. President Chuck McCleskey (r) Chaplain Danny Camp(c) and Past President Harley Jones (l) spoke with visitors about joining the council and benefits of Navy League membership. 2745th Sea Cadet Unit hosted a food stand and solicited new members for the unit.

Council Community Affiliates

 <p>Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company is a leader in the design, development, systems integration, production, and support of advanced military aircraft. Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company's site in Marietta, Georgia, is home to the C-130J Hercules transport and the F/A-22 Raptor air dominance fighter. The site is also responsible for the avionics and engine modernization programs for the C-5 Galaxy strategic transport. The P-3 Orion Program is also located at the Marietta Plant</p>	 <p>Phoenix Air Group. Inc.</p> <p>Highest Level of Aviation Services for our Military Forces Professional Air Charter with Worldwide Operating Authority Finding SOLUTIONS for Clients</p>	<p>Community Affiliate Membership</p> <p>This membership is designed for companies whose business is primarily local rather than national in scope. A Community Affiliate Membership demonstrates a company's commitment to the local council, a desire to support and advance the purpose of the Navy League and a desire to support young people through the Navy League's youth programs and scholarships. During each year of membership, a Community Affiliate Member may designate four Regular Members. Designated members enjoy all the privileges of individual membership, including the right to vote and hold office.</p>
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If you know a local firm that would be interested in becoming an affiliate member contact Don Giles 770 509-3772 or email dgiles@mindspring.com

ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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 lar_babs@msn.com or call Larry Hamilton (770) 941-4995 with change of address or email address

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