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COUNCIL RECEIVES TWO AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



Navy League National President, Mike McGrath, presented a "Meritorious Council" plaque to Atlanta Metropolitan Council President Steve Adams on October 30, 2009, at the National Navy League Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. "Well done" to all our council members for the team effort that won this annual recognition for 2008.

Navy League National President, Mike McGrath (L), and NLUS National VP for Public Affairs, Patricia DuMont (R), presented the National NLUS Public Affairs Award for 2008 to Atlanta Metropolitan Council President Steve Adams on October 30, 2009, at the National Navy League Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. Our council extends a huge "Thank You" to Larry Hamilton, Council VP for Public Affairs, for his outstanding work in coordinating our Public Affairs initiatives.



234TH NAVY BIRTHDAY DINNER

The Atlanta Metropolitan Council, NOSC Atlanta, NRD Atlanta, and NROTC Unit Atlanta Region hosted the 234th Navy Birthday dinner Tuesday, October 13th, 2009 at the Consolidated Club, Dobbins's ARB.



The oldest and youngest naval persons traditionally cut the Cake. Captain Phil Sullivan, USN (ret) and PO1 Ron Souder had the honor this year.

The Keynote Speaker was Admiral James O. Ellis, USN, Retired, President and CEO, Institute Nuclear Power Operations (INPO). His speech covered "Nuclear Power, Past, Present, and Future".

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From the President...

Steve Adams



As we close out 2009 I want to thank everyone who participated in our activities throughout the year. It is most rewarding to work with the fine folks in our council who have volunteered their time and effort in order to keep our Council functioning. It takes a lot of time and a lot of work and your dedication to our Navy League mission is commendable. I thank each of you for your willingness to serve and make a difference in our Council. It has been my honor to be able to serve as your president and thank you for your involvement. This is your Council. You have made a difference and it is much appreciated.

Because of your efforts the Council was awarded the Meritorious Council Award at the National Convention in October as well as the Public Affairs Award. These awards represent a lot of hard work and obvious dedication on the part of our Board of Directors. You should all be very proud of the recognition our Council has received.

We are looking for another great year in 2010. We have already established a schedule for our main dinner speaking events and will present a variety of speakers during the year. We are looking at a renewed focus on membership and hope every member will make it a priority to seek out new members. A training/planning workshop is planned for the first quarter and all officers and any other interested member is encouraged to attend. Our goal is to give our board members ideas on Council recruiting and retention, energizing our Council, planning strategies, expanding our media coverage in the Atlanta area, recruiting and retaining younger members and wrapping it up with a planning session for our Council for the remainder of 2010. It is hoped we will gain a lot of insight and knowledge to enable our Council to continue to improve and grow.

There are many opportunities for each of you to participate in Council functions and activities over the coming year and to contribute your energy in support of the sea services in metro Atlanta. Take a look at our website and I am sure you will find something that will interest you. If you are not already involved and want to be, give me a call or drop me an email and I would be glad to get you involved in a Council project.

It is very special at this time of year to enjoy family and friends. I would also ask that you remember all of our service members, and their families, as they serve our country defending our freedoms. Their sacrifices cannot be overstated and we owe them a great deal of thanks.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New year.

Steve Adams

President

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Admiral Ellis served our Navy 39 years, retiring in 2004 while in his last assignment as Commander, United States Strategic Command. After commanding an F/A-18 Strike Fighter Squadron during Desert Storm, some of his other command assignments included USS Abraham Lincoln, a Carrier Battle Group, U.S Naval Forces Europe, Allied Forces Southern Europe. He also served three years as a Presidential appointee to the President's Intelligence Advisory Board.



The Program Participants were (L-R), CDR Breckenridge Morgan, XO, NRD Atlanta, CAPT Don Giles, VP Legislative Affairs, RADM Jim McGarrah, President Steve Adams, ADM Jim Ellis, CAPT Ted Daywalt, Master of Ceremonies, CAPT Chris Moore, CO, NOSC Atlanta. Also present but not depicted: CAPT Steve Kirby, CO, NROTC Atlanta.

Captain Chris Moore, USN, Commanding Officer Navy Operational Support Center gave the traditional Birthday toast.

Random Audience photo features Barbara and William T. Schwendler, Jr, VP Leadership Fund.



ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN VETERANS DAY PARADE AND BANQUET



The Atlanta Metropolitan Council participated in the 2009 Atlanta Veterans Day Parade November 7. The council convertible carried C/PO1 James E. Brown, NSCC from Pathfinder Excursion Squadron and PO3 Justin Boykin assigned as a TAR at NOSC. C/PO1 Brown won Sea Cadet of the Year at the Council's 16th Annual Youth Awards Banquet May 8th. Captain Harley Jones, USN (ret) Council Past President and current Vice President, Membership was the driver.



Council sponsored Sea Cadet Unit 2745th Seabee Battalion marched behind the car and was accompanied by CAPT Flank, USN (Ret). LTJG Brian Fleming, NSCC is the unit Commanding Officer.



Southeast DeKalb High School NJROTC, one of the 44 NJROTC units sponsored by the Council, also participated in the Parade.



Navy League Atlanta Council members enjoyed the annual Veterans Day Ball at the Atlanta Omni Hotel, November 7. Depicted (L-R) Anne and Hugh Wheeler, Don and Sherryl Giles, Joel Feldman (standing), Steve Flamm, and Frank Campbell. Attending, but not in the photo: Mary Lou and Richard Austin.

CNO Urges Navy Commands and Personnel to Support Sea Cadets

Admiral Gary Roughhead, USN Chief of Naval Operations released the following message to the Navy December 1, 2009

1 The Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is a non-profit youth organization sponsored by the Navy League of the United States. Their goal is to acquaint high school students with the Navy and introduce them to the values of military service. Following high school, the majority of Sea Cadets enter the sea services in either an enlisted or officer program. Approximately 12 percent of each entering class at the U.S. Naval Academy is prior Sea Cadets.

2. In every state throughout our nation, Sea Cadets actively introduce our Navy to today's youth - we must support their efforts. The program's greatest needs are qualified adult leaders and training opportunities on board ships, bases, and stations. Navy personnel, through involvement and support of the NSCC, directly impact the readiness of tomorrow's navy by mentoring the next generation of leaders. Ref provides guidance concerning command assistance to the NSCC.

3. Navy commands and personnel are encouraged to fully support Sea Cadet units, particularly those units located in areas where Navy presence is limited. Operational commands are encouraged to invite NSCC units to train on board, if schedules permit. Additional information can be obtained by contacting navy recruiting command or the NSCC headquarters. Direct liaison with NSCC units is authorized and encouraged.

4. Points of contact:

-NSCC program manager, Navy Recruiting Command, at (901) 874-9469.

-NSCC National Headquarters, at (703) 243-6910.

VETERANS CENTER OPENED NOVEMBER 14TH

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs opened the largest VA counseling center in metro Atlanta on Nov. 14. L. Tammy Duckworth, VA assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs, was the keynote speaker at the opening of the Marietta Vet Center, 40 Dodd Street, Suite 700. (Continued on page 5)



Vets Center Ceremony attendees Left Jason T. Skipper, Field Rep for Senator Johnny Isakson; Kyle McGowan, Field Rep for Representative Tom Price 6th District GA, Bob Wise Council Board Member and Danny Camp, Council Member Right L. Tammy Duckworth and Danny Camp.



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The center will provide readjustment counseling to combat veterans, bereavement counseling to relatives of service members who die on active duty and military sexual trauma counseling to all veterans.

The new Marietta Vet Center — operated by the U.S. Veterans Affairs Department — is the largest of its kind in metro Atlanta. It received its first client on Oct. 13. It provides readjustment counseling and sexual abuse counseling, as well as case management, community outreach and referral services, plus supportive social services, to combat veterans and their families.

Atlanta Metropolitan Council was represented by Members Bob Wise and Danny Camp.

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 Council Legislative Team Brief Senators Saxby Chambliss and David Scott



Atlanta Metropolitan Council members met with Georgia Senator Saxby Chambliss in his Atlanta Office, December 14, 2010. The purpose was to provide a Grassroots Navy League Legislative Affairs briefing regarding a our Navy League support of our Maritime Forces and to specifically request his support for our U.S. Navy's ship building needs and the recapitalization needs of our U.S. Coast

Guard. Depicted are (L to R): Dave Beasley, Council Board member; Senator Saxby Chambliss; Don Giles, Council Vice President for Legislative Affairs. A copy of the book "Defending Freedom" was presented to Senator Chambliss from our Atlanta Metropolitan Council, with our appreciation of his strong support for our military.



Congressman David Scott (Georgia District 13) accepts a copy of "Defending Freedom" from Atlanta Metropolitan Council member Gene McCarthy (L), and Council VP Legislative Affairs, Don Giles (R) following an appointment in Congressman Scott's District Office in Smyrna, Georgia November 23 2009. The purpose of the appointment was to brief Navy League Legislative Affairs

Presentation Two to Congressman Scott. Presentation Two covers the Navy League's support for resetting our Maritime Forces, particularly the Navy's ship building needs and the Coast Guard's Deep Water Recapitalization Program requirements.

ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL 2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The National Navy League Headquarters has initiated a national membership recruitment effort and asked all councils to make a strong effort to recruit new members in 2010. Contact President Steve Adams, 770 304-8295; National Director and Council Vice President Legislative Affairs Don Giles 770 509-3772 or Vice President Membership Harley T. Jones 770 965-6747 if you have friends interested in supporting the sea services.

VISIT THE COUNCIL WEBSITE <http://atlanta.navyleague>

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ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The board of directors at its December meeting set dates for 2010 events so members may add them to their calendar. Event details will be available on the website when known and also be sent via email to members.

Board Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month.
February 18 Dinner Meeting
April 1 Installation of Officers
May 6 17th Annual Youth Banquet
May 17 ARMAC Armed Forces Day "Military Appreciation" Luncheon
July 22 Dinner Meeting
September 16 Georgia Tech /Morehouse College NROTC Reception
October 9 or 16 235th Navy Birthday Dinner
November 11 Veterans Day Parade and Banquet (Tentative)

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