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Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States Names 2011 JROTC and Sea Cadet Winners

C/LCDR Stephen Sasscer, JROTC Winner
C/PO3 Ansley Odell, NSCC, Sea Cadet Winner

The Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States held its' 18th Annual Youth Awards Banquet May 5 and named Cadet LCDR Stephen Sasscer, Allatoona High School NJROTC (top left with President Frank Campbell) the 2011 winner of the JROTC Award. C/LCDR Sasscer was selected from 47 nominees. The Council also named C/Petty Officer 3rd Class, NSCC Ansley Odell (bottom left) from 2745th Seabee Battalion, a student at Lassiter High School, for the Councils' 11th Annual Sea Cadet award. C/LCDR Sasscer and PO3 Odell each received a \$500 U.S Savings Bond.



C/LTCOL Taylor Dedrick, Heritage High School MCJROTC and C/CDR Jared Loggins, McEachern High School NJROTC both received a \$250 US Savings Bond for a runner-up tie in the JROTC competition. The following four Cadets received a \$100 Bond for Honorable Mention:

C/GYSGT Brandon Jones, Lithia Springs MCJROTC

C/LCDR Katherine Narvaez, Cross Keys NJROTC

C/LCDR Hayley Camp, North Cobb NJROTC

C/CAPT Chris House, Newton County MCJROTC

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From the Bridge



Frank Campbell

One of the best yet" was a comment heard following our 18th Annual Youth Banquet at the Doubletree Hotel, Marietta in May. Another record crowd of close to 170 heard Nick Snider, CEO of the Patriotism Foundation present his stirring remarks to an audience of cadets, parents and council members.

Our sincere appreciation to all our Youth Committee members and judges who contributed to the evening's success. My personal thanks to all our council members who gave their time (and gas money) in traveling to many of the 45 sponsored High School JROTC units to present our youth medals.

I had the pleasure of attending the Annual ARMAC Luncheon later in May honoring our Armed Forces. Thanks to the efforts of Don Giles, the council fielded two tables at the luncheon and manned up a recruiting kiosk in the lobby. Later in the month, Denny Holmes and fellow council members manned a Navy League recruiting booth at the Naval Operational and Support Center (NOSC) speaking with potential council and Sea Cadet leaders. Membership and retention by the way, continues to be the top priority of our council this year. We have recruited several new members in the early months of 2011 and will endeavor to seek every avenue to introduce others to the Navy League. Consider helping our cause by referring any of your friends, family and associates to either myself or Denny Holmes, VP Membership.

I also had the opportunity in May to attend Navy Recruiting District Atlanta's Change of Command ceremony at the state capitol. We bid farewell to CDR Bill Garren and welcomed CDR Breckenridge Morgan as the new Commanding Officer. CDR Bill Garren, CDR Breckenridge Morgan and the entire command have been staunch supporters and gracious hosts for the Navy League. We look forward to assisting our local recruiting efforts in the months ahead. NROTC Scholarship candidates from among our high school Juniors are a pressing current need. Contact your local recruiter or the NRD if you have any Navy prospects.

The month of May was closed out with several of our members involved with local Memorial Day activities including presentation of our Navy League Wreath at the Marietta National Cemetery. Summer is upon us and our ROTC/JROTC and Sea Cadets are actively engaged in summer training and cruises. Don Giles participated in the National Board Meeting in Late June and several of our members joined us for our quarterly USO activity at Hartsfield International. If you have not volunteered to assist our council in this quarterly USO event, contact Allen Legel and consider signing up for a future event.

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Our fall season is closing in quickly and we have a host of events on tap.

- Old Soldiers Parade Alpharetta, August 6th
- New Member Social - RADM Baumgartner, USCG 7th District, August 9th, Olive Garden Smyrna.
- NSA Panama City/Columbus Confederate Naval Museum, 17-18 August
- USO Volunteer – Sept 6th
- WW II Presentation Ray Williams (Sept TBD Thursday)
- USO Volunteer – Nov 5th
- Atlanta Veterans Day Parade and Banquet, Nov 12th
- Christmas Toys for Tots Dinner December 13th
- Installation of New Officers Dinner Doubletree Hotel, Marietta (Jan 10th , 2012)

A final note concerns council finances and our newsletter. If you have not yet forwarded your local council dues payment to Bill Schwendler, VP Leadership Fund, please do so. Our youth and the many activities we host are well worth it, but costs are rising. Due to increased expenses, our newsletter will be distributed only via E Mail for the vast majority of our membership beginning with the fall edition. If you have not yet provided our VP Public Affairs with an active E Mail address, please do so immediately to ensure continued receipt of the council newsletter.

Enjoy your summer and hope to see you soon

Frank.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



Governor Nathan Deal presented a proclamation.

For many years Atlanta Metropolitan Council has placed a wreath at the Marietta National Cemetery on Memorial Day. This year Vice President Legislative Affairs Don Giles, (r) and Director Capt Bob Wise, USN (Ret) (l) presented the Council wreath. Council photographer Danny Camp took photos. The ceremony started at noon May 31. Major General Raymond V. Mason, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4,U.S. Army Forces Command, Ft Mc Pherson, GA was the speaker.

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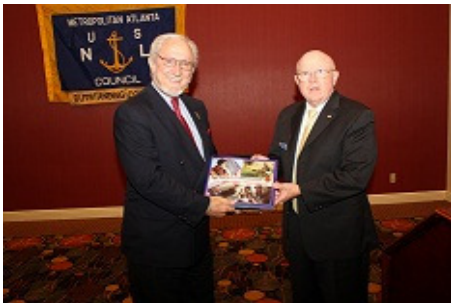
The JROTC awards were presented by Council President Frank Campbell. The Sea Cadet William T Schwendler Award for Excellence was presented by Campbell and William T. Schwendler, Jr. President Frank Campbell coordinated the dinner and was master of ceremonies.

The Sea Cadet competition had a tie for runner-up. C/CPO William Heinzl Pathfinders Squadron, Northgate High School and C/CPO Sean Purcell 233rd Construction BN, Tucker High School tied for runner-up and each received a \$200 savings bond. C/PO3 Ashley Weifenbach, Columbus Ironclad Division East Coweta High School won a \$100 savings bond for Honorable Mention.



The 7th Annual Jason E. Lawson Trophy for Outstanding Sea Cadet Unit 2011 was awarded to 2745th Seabee Battalion Commanded by LT Brian Fleming NSCC. The award is named for AW2 Lawson, USN, lost in a Helicopter accident in 2002. He was the son of council member Roz Coleman and member of NARS B-1 Squadron Sea Cadet Unit for three years where he was Chief Petty Officer. He was selected 1999 National Navy League Sea

Cadet of the year. Ronald Ricketts, NSCC Regional Director presents Jason E. Lawson Award to 2745th CO Brian Fleming, C/PO2 Andrew Daily, Captain Bernie Flank, USN (Ret) Unit XO and Jim Hunter Council Sea Cadet Chairman.



The banquet speaker was Mr. Nicholas D. Snider (Nick) Founder and Chairman of the Board National Foundation of Patriotism. He is a retired Senior Vice President of United Parcel Service. Nick attended Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Infantry School, FT Benning, Georgia where he served with the United States Army as a Commissioned Officer. He is a lifetime collector of patriotic artifacts and has authored two books on

Patriotic Collecting, Sweetheart Jewelry and Collectables and Antique Sweetheart Jewelry. Nick is a longtime board member of the USO Council of Georgia, a member of the Museum Association of America and the recipient of several regional and national community service awards. President Campbell presents Mr. Snider with gift.

The Metro Youth Awards program is one of many projects the Atlanta Council conducts for area young people and active and reserve duty personnel. This area boasts 44 high schools with Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units, and 7 Sea Cadet units, all of which were eligible for the awards. The Council has a separate program for the two NROTC units at Georgia Tech and Morehouse College. It also gives quarterly and annual awards to sailors at the Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Atlanta, the

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Navy Recruiting District of Atlanta, aboard the USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) homeported in Bremerton, Washington and the USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) homeported in Kings Bay, Georgia.

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The Criteria for the Outstanding Metro JROTC Award is the Cadet will have served at least two years in the Navy/Marine Corps JROTC; must exhibit ethical and reliable leadership skills; must have served in a management position in his/her JROTC unit; should demonstrate a desire for advancement of both him/herself and his/her unit, and will have been nominated by the unit Senior Naval Science Instructor or Senior Marine Corps Science Instructor.



The “Navy League Metro Sea Cadet of the Year”, who receives the “William T. Schwendler Award for Excellence”, is expected to be in at least his/her second full year of service in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, demonstrate the desire for personal excellence through taking advantage of education and training opportunities within and outside the Sea Cadet program, exemplify the reliability of character and quality of work essential to

making the cadet a valuable member of any team, exhibit the courage and integrity required to be level-headed and fair in all dealings with other people; and demonstrate leadership skills in helping to guide and develop fellow cadets so that all have an opportunity to do their personal best and advance their unit. The award is in honor of William T. Schwendler, 1904-1978, an early aviation designer who made major contributions to the aerospace industry. Leroy R. Grumman, assisted by Mr. Schwendler and four other men, founded Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation in 1929. Mr. Schwendler had begun his aeronautics career as a member of the first class in aeronautical and mechanical engineering at New York University, graduating in 1924 at age 20.

Left to right William t. Schwendler, Jr, VP Leadership Fund; Sea Cadet Winner C/PO3 Ansley Odell, Runner Ups C/PO1 William Heinzl and C/CPO Sean Purcell; Honorable Mention C/SN Ashley Weifenbach and Jim Hunter Council Sea Cadet Chairman.

The event was held at the. Doubletree Hotel NW Marietta, GA

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ARMAC LUNCHEON MAY 23



those attending.

The 59th annual Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Luncheon was held Monday May 23, 2011. Atlanta Council hosted two tables. Council Chaplain Wayne Radloff, his guests WW-II Veteran, and former Georgia State Senator Jim Tysinger, Seminary student, Jeramy Smith, soon to be commissioned as a Navy Chaplain, President Frank Campbell, Director RADM Casey Coane and VP Legislative Affairs Don Giles were among

Council Community Affiliates

		<h3>Community Affiliate Membership</h3>
<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>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>

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

NRD Atlanta Change of Command May 26



Navy Recruiting District Atlanta received a new Commanding Officer May 26. CDR Breckenridge s. Morgan, USN relieved CDR William A. Garren, USN at the Georgia State Capitol with Governor Nathan Deal the event speaker. Pictured with the Governor in his office is the official party (left to right) Lt Davis, USN Chaplain Region EAST, CDR Morgan , Governor Deal, CDR Garren, CAPT Tom Pangonas, USN ,Commodore Navy Recruiting Region East.

NROTC SWORD PRESENTATIONS

The Atlanta Council is committed to support of the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Merchant Marine in the Atlanta metropolitan region, specifically we support:

44 High School -NJROTC and MCJROTC units, 7 Naval Sea Cadet Units, and NROTC units at Georgia Tech and Morehouse College.

We also support USS Jimmy Carter (SSN-23), USS Georgia (SSGN-729), and various recognition programs for sailors at the Naval Recruiting District Atlanta, Navy Operations Support Center Atlanta, and Navy Support Activity.



Midshipman Lyle Branch (r)



Frank Campbell, Atlanta Metro Council presents Navy Sword to Midshipmen 4/C Jeffrey Long, Outstanding graduate NROTC Georgia Tech (1) and Marine Sword to Morehouse NROTC Outstanding Graduate

Atlanta Council Holds Recruiting Drive for Members and Sea Cadets



Council VP Membership Denny Holmes, Lt. Ronda "Smitty" Smith, NSCC and Council Photographer Danny Camp met at the Navy Operational Support Center Saturday May 21 to recruit active duty members to join the Navy League and/or volunteer to work with Sea Cadets. CDR G. Lee Elrod, USN,

XO (left) and CAPT Christopher Moore, USN, CO (right) met with Denny, Rhonda and Danny to arrange details. Holmes said "LT Smith was a tremendous presence because of the interest about the Sea Cadet programs. She got a number of verbal volunteer commitments. Danny also was the photographer and overall organizer. We received several verbal commitments to join the council. We won't have an exact count until the applications are received."

ATLANTA ROTARY CLUB APRIL 25



(L- R) Atlanta Metropolitan Council President Frank Campbell, VP Leadership Fund Bill Schwendler, RADM Ted Branch, VP Legislative Affairs Don Giles, and Council member Dante Stevenson. RADM Branch, Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, was the Speaker at the Atlanta Rotary Club Meeting on April 25, 2011 (L- R) Atlanta Metropolitan Council President

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USO Volunteer Opportunities

On Tuesday September 6, 2011, the Atlanta Council of the Navy League will be greeting the troops returning to Atlanta at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. We will be assisting at the USO from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need volunteers. If you could do either the morning shift (8:00 am to 11 am) or the afternoon shift (11 am to 2:30:00 pm), it would be greatly appreciated!

Allen Legel Vice President Operations

Email Allen Legel allen.legel@gmail.com or call 404.822.8223.

Highlights of National Board of Directors Meeting Don Giles

The Navy League National Board of Directors met in National Harbor, Maryland, June 23-25, 2011. Our council representative on the National Board, Don Giles, attended.

Highlights include:

- Membership continues to be a major concern. Recruitment incentives over the past few have yielded disappointing results with membership dropping to slightly below 50,000. Expect to see new announcements coming soon to address this issue and the obvious impact on operating resources. A simple “Member Get a Member” program will be emphasized. We need your help on this.
- Many senior leaders in all of our Maritime Services have voiced their appreciation and reemphasized the importance of our efforts to carry the Navy League Legislative Affairs Presentations messages to our Members of Congress.
- About 20 Navy League Officers and Directors attended a breakfast meeting of the Congressional Ship Building Caucus in the Rayburn Building on the Hill with eight Members of Congress, many congressional staff members and many senior leaders in the shipbuilding industry. VADM Blake, USN and RADM Adkin, USCG presented the needs of the services WRT to shipbuilding. It was a superb presentation that was well received by the audience. Representatives Courtney (CT) and Whittman (VA) hosted the event and the Navy League sponsored it.
- The US Navy has increased the number of required ships from 313 to 325. Only 286 are in service today.
- The HQ website homepage has been revised. Recommend you visit the site at navyleague.org and review the new format. Some pages are still under update.
- The Navy League's financial situation has stabilized and all current activities are funded. The National Staff continues to look for new funding opportunities.
- The Sea Cadet program is doing well and has increased by 500 cadets in the past year
- The annual convention will move back to the spring/early summer time frame in 2012 and the National Directors meeting will be in October.
- National VP Philip Dunmire was confirmed as President Elect and will become Navy League President at the Annual meeting in Chattanooga in October.
- Admiral Gary Roughead was the Keynote Speaker at the closing dinner meeting. He was awarded the NLUS **Admiral Arleigh Burke Leadership Award**.

Legislative Affairs Don Giles

The **objective of our Grassroots Legislative Affairs initiative** is to present the Navy League Briefings face-to-face with all Members of Congress and maintain a liaison relationship.

Current Members of Congress assigned to the Atlanta Metropolitan Council and Legislative Affairs Committee Members who have liaison responsibility are:

1. Rep. Tom Graves (GA 9), Harley Jones, David Geer
2. Rep. Rob Woodall (GA 7), Jeff Alexander
3. Rep. Tom Price (GA 6) – Don Giles
4. Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (GA 3) - Steve Adams
5. Rep. John Lewis (GA 5) - Pargen Robertson
6. Rep. Paul Broun (GA 10) – Don Giles
7. Rep. Phil Gingrey (GA 11) – Dave Beasley
8. Rep. David Scott (GA 13) - Gene McCarthy
9. Rep. Hank Johnson (GA 4) - Bobby Green
10. Rep. Stanford Bishop (GA 2) - Joe Dan Banker
11. Senator Johnny Isakson – Don Giles
12. Senator Saxby Chambliss – Don Giles

Except for Freshman Representatives Graves and Woodall, every assigned Member of Congress has received the Navy League Presentation One titled “Declining U.S. Navy Fleet, a National Concern.” Appointments are pending to visit both those Representatives. All remaining assigned Members of Congress, except Congressman Bishop, have had Presentation Two titled “U.S. Coast Guard: Mission and Priorities.”

The third Presentation, “**U.S. – Flag Merchant Marine An Important Asset,**” will be scheduled for nine of our assigned Members of Congress before the end of the year. If you have interest in participating in our Legislative Affairs Program, call Don Giles at 770-509-3772 or send an email to **dongiles@mindspring.com**.

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Recruiting District Assistance Council (RDAC) Seeking Members Don Giles

Do you have interest in helping our Navy Recruiters? Our Navy League Council has always maintained a strong supporting relationship with Navy Recruiting District Atlanta, not only in recognizing top performers, but also in providing direct support and encouragement to recruiters in the field offices (Navy Recruiting Stations). Many Navy League members are also members of the "Recruiting District Assistance Council (RDAC)," but our level of activity has declined in recent years.

The Commanding Officer, NRD Atlanta has expressed a desire to expand the membership and the effectiveness of the NRD Atlanta (RDAC).

Here are the main RDAC program objectives:

- a. To provide support in fulfilling the Navy's mission to recruit quality young men and women.
- b. To increase support and acceptance of the Navy among community Centers of Influence (COI) in order to enhance recruiting effectiveness.
- c. To assist Navy recruiting in increasing public awareness of opportunities available in today's Navy.

If you have interest in becoming an active member of the NRD Atlanta RDAC, please contact Don Giles at 770-509-3772 or dongiles@mindspring.com. Don is the RDAC Chairman, appointed by the Commanding Officer, NRD Atlanta. He can provide details, answer your questions, and provide copies of program guidelines. There is no cost, other than expending your personal talents and a small investment of time.

U. S. Navy Reserve Officer Candidate Program (NROTC) Don Giles

Navy Recruiters assigned to our local Navy Recruiting District Atlanta are doing an outstanding job, achieving remarkably excellent results in enlisted and officer recruiting programs. However, finding qualified candidates remains a challenge. The NROTC Scholarship Program is one officer-producing program for which we can easily assist Navy recruiters in finding high quality, well-motivated prospects.

If you have any questions, concerns, or possible prospects, please contact FCC(SW/AW) Ronrico Hooks, Naval ROTC SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR at Work Ph: 770-612-4360 ext. 2304, or Cell: 404-275-2649 (preferred), Email: ronrico.hooks@navy.mil. For even more info: <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>.

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Attention On Deck Distribution Change. Effective with the September Issue Attention on Deck will no longer be mailed to members

The Council regrets this action but must reduce costs. Currently approximately only 50 members have not shared their email address with us or do not have email. Email distribution is a no cost method to provide the newsletter. Printing and mailing costs have skyrocketed for low production runs. The council can no longer afford to sustain the program. We believe that the majority of those members receiving printed issues have email, but have not responded to our requests to provide them. Newsletters dating back to May 2006 are available on the Council Website

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