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Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States Names 2009 JROTC and Sea Cadet Winners **C/LT Eliud Martinez, JROTC Winner** **C/Seaman Apprentice James E. Brown, NSCC, Sea Cadet Winner**

The Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States held its' 16th Annual Youth Awards Banquet May 8th and named (2nd from left) Cadet LT Eliud



Marinez , East Hall High School the 2009 winner of the JROTC Award. C/LT Martinez was selected from 40 nominees. The Council also named C/Seaman Apprentice James E. Brown, NSCC from Pathfinder Excursion Squadron, (2nd from left) a student at East Coweta High school, for the Councils' 9th Annual Sea Cadet award. C/Lt Martinez and Cadet Seaman Apprentice Brown each received a \$500 U.S Savings Bond. Pictured with the winners are Council President Steve Adams (left) and VP Leadership Fund William T.

Schwendler, Jr (right).

C/LTCOL Allison Faye Gordy a student East Coweta High School received a \$250 US Savings Bond for second place in the JROTC competition. The following four Cadets received a \$100 Bond for Honorable Mention:

- C/LCDR Chistiana Ponder Southwest DeKalbHigh School
- C/LCDR David J. Bonham North Cobb High School
- C/LCDR Dirk Vandermeijden Kennesaw Mountin High School
- C/LCDR Lisa Yi, Cross Keys High School

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

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From the President...

Steve Adams



I first want to say I am honored to have been selected to serve as the President of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council of the Navy League of the United States. I will certainly do my very best to justify the confidence you have placed in me. With your help we can continue to support and promote the sea services in the Atlanta area. Your support is critical to the success of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council. It is your sponsorship that helps us promote the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Merchant Marine in our region. One of our primary obligations is our commitment to youth education, including:

- Forty Three High School NJROTC and MCJROTC units.
- NROTC units at Georgia Tech and Moorehouse
- Eight Sea Cadet units

Our council also supports USS Jimmy Carter (SSN-23), USS Georgia (SSGN-729), as well as the programs to recognize the sailors at NAS Atlanta, Navy Operations Support Center Atlanta, and the Navy Support Activity, which includes the Navy Supply Corp School, located in Athens, GA.

I believe we have a strong, talented and dedicated Board of Directors and I want to especially thank them all for volunteering their time, energy and resources to support our programs and activities. Our Board of Directors cannot do everything necessary to ensure the success of our Council and we need active participation from as many members as possible. It will only take a little of your time to make a difference so when the opportunity arises, please consider contributing to your council.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the Board of Directors noted below:

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In the next couple of months I will be reviewing each of our ongoing programs with the Board of Directors in order to set some specific goals for the remainder of 2009 and will focus in the following areas:

- First and foremost is the retention of current council members and recruitment of new members. Our membership is what enables us to provide for our programs and we must make this a high priority.
- Our council has one of the largest youth services programs in the nation and we are dedicated to continue the high level of support necessary to their success.
- We will seek to add community affiliate organizations that support our Council.
- To raise public awareness of our Council and solicit support for our various programs we will actively look at opportunities to expand our speakers bureau.
- Our council has been very successful in presenting to the various members of congress, information relative to fleet size and funding adequate to enable our men and women in uniform to accomplish their mission, and the legislative affairs committee will continue those most important efforts this year.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to working with all of you to ensure a very successful 2009.

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The Sea Cadet competition ended in a three way tie for Runner-up. Each Sea Cadet received \$150 savings bond. They were:

C/Seaman Noah Faber-Jones of the 2745th Seabee Battalion, Roswell High School
C/Seaman Apprentice Christopher Houghton of the Pathfinder Excursion Squadron, Arnoll Middle School.
C/PO2 Billy Phillips of Warrior Division,, trinity Home School Depot.



The 5th Annual Jason E. Lawson Trophy for Outstanding Sea Cadet Unit 2009 was awarded to Warrior Division Commanded by LT Rhonda (Smitty) Smith NSCC (Right). 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.

CAPT Steven C. Christopher, USN (Ret) Director of Military Programs, Phoenix Air was the Banquet Speaker, Phoenix Air is a community Affiliate Member of the Atlanta Metropolitan Council. He directed the first part of his address to the cadets in the audience, encouraging our youth to work hard, set realistic goals and take responsibility for their actions. Capt Christopher used the acronym GRACE G—Goals R—Responsibility A—Accountability C—Commitment E—Enjoy as goals by which to live their lives. CAPT Christopher described how he successfully landed his new assignment with Phoenix Air and his successful transition from the military to the civilian sector. He followed his comments to the youth with an interesting photo presentation describing the mission of Phoenix Air and the contributions Phoenix Air is making not only in the civilian markets, but in airborne training and electronic warfare for the defense industry.

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 40 high schools with Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units, and 8 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 Air Station Atlanta, the Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Atlanta, the Navy Supply School in Athens, Georgia, the 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.

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 (continued page 5)

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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 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.

The event was held at the Holiday Inn Select 4385 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta.



NJROTC Outstanding Cadet:
from left to right: Winner, c/LT Eliud Martinez from East Hall High School (receiving a \$500 savings bond); runner up, c/LTCOL Allison Faye Gordy, from East Coweta County High School; Honorable Mentions, c/LCDR Christiana Ponder from Southwest DeKalb High School, c/LCDR David J. Bonham from North Cobb High School, c/LCDR Dirk Vandermeijden from Kennesaw

Mountain High School, and c/LCDR Lisa Yi from Cross Keys High School.

. William T. Schwendler Award from left to right: Council President Steve Adams, Runners up; c/SN Noah Farber-Jones, c/SA Christopher Houghton, c/PO2 Billy Phillips (each receiving a \$150 savings bond), c/SA James E. Brown (winner, receiving a \$500 savings bond) and William T. Schwendler, Jr.



Metro N/MC JROTC Units, Instructors, and Cadets

Unit/Instructor	Outstanding Cadet
Baldwin High School NJROTC Unit LCDR Steve Hemmelgarn, SNSI	C/CDR Ashley L. Sparks
Cedar Grove High School NJROTC Unit CDR Eugene Adkins, SNSI	C/LT Eric M. Clark
Columbia High School NJROTC Unit LCDR Luther Hill, SNSI	C/LT Jessica K. Allen
Cross Keys High School NJROTC Unit CDR T. Ray Moody, SNSI	C/LCDR Lisa Yi
Dougherty CO High School MCJROTC MAJ Ron Underdahl, SMCSI	C/LTCOL Winisha Whitlock
Druid Hills High School NJROTC Unit LTCOL Clarence Mariney, SNSI	C/LTJG Matthew Lenkerd
Duluth High School NJROTC Unit LCDR John M. Jones, SNSI	C/SCPO Kevin Liao
Eagles Landing High School NJROTC Unit LCDR Tyrone Jones, SNSI	C/CDR Miguel Correa
East Coweta County High School MCJROTC Unit MSGT John Skinner, SMCSI	C/LTCOL Allison Faye Gordy
East Hall High School NJROTC Unit MAJ Brad A. McCanna, SNSI	C/LT Eliud Martinez
Frederick Douglass High School NJROTC Unit CDR Leroy L. Washington, SNSI	C/CDR Darrius Snow
Gainesville HS NJROTC Unit LT Frank Hernandez, SNSI	C/PO3 Martin Sewell
Henry County High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Joseph F. Tucker, SNSI	C/ENS Christopher Miller
Heritage High School MCJROTC Unit MAJ Don Hanks	C/MAJ Jamilla Wills
Jackson High School NJROTC Unit CDR Patrick Moore, SNSI	C/ENS Tevin Smith
Kennesaw Mountain High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Sean King	C/LCDR Dirk Vandermeijden
Lassiter/Pope/Sprayberry/Kell High School NJROTC Unit CAPT William C. Wilkerson, SNSI	C/LCDR Juan D. Larrea
Lee County High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Albert J. Schuette, SNSI	C/ENS Jara Charleton
Lithia Springs Comprehensive High School MCJROTC Unit LTCOL David Beasley, SMCSI	C/1stLT Daniel McLeod
Lithonia High School NJROTC Unit LCDR Roseman L. Deas, SNSI	C/LT Contrell Sims
Luella High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Steve Seal, SNSI	C/CDR Alexander Craig
Macon County High School NJROTC Unit	

LCDR Robert Wessinger, SNSI	C/LT Tahnesa Englis
Martin Luther King, Jr. High School NJROTC Unit CDR Edward Johnson, SNSI	C/CDR Lucinda Ramseur
McEachern High School NJROTC Unit CDR Eugene G. Sudol, Jr., SNSI	C/CDR Christopher M. Jones
Newton County High School MCJROTC Unit LTCOL Chas. R. Stanford, SMCSI	C/SGTMAJ Mark Ehrig
North Cobb High School NJROTC Unit CDR Joel Reaves, SNSI	C/LCDR David J. Bonham
North Forsyth High School MCJROTC Unit MAJ Charles "Mack" Kelly, SMCSI	C/LT Brandon S. Godwin
Parkview High School MCJROTC Unit GYSGT David Erwin, MCSI	C/MAJ Parker Jordan
Peach County High School NJROTC Unit LCDR Jeffrey Treude	C/CPO Jamoral Clark
Rockdale County High School MCJROTC Unit CWO3 Mike Carlisle, SMCSI	C/1 st Lt Gregory North
Rutland High School MCJROTC Unit CWO Bob Dewitt, SMCSI	none nominated
Salem High School MCJROTC Unit MAJ Cedric Ingram, SMCSI	C/2 nd LT Ebony James
Southwest DeKalb High School NJROTC Unit LCDR Frederick Espy, SNSI	C/LCDR Christiana Ponder
Stephenson High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Mary McAdams, SNSI	C/LTJG Jasmine Robinson
Stockbridge High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Billy Malone, SNSI	C/LT Jacob Neri
Stone Mountain High School NJROTC Unit CAPT James Roger, SNSI	C/CPO Precious Mulbah
Union Grove High School NJROTC Unit LCDR Charles Andrews, SNSI	C/LT Steven Frazier
Upson Lee High School NJROTC Unit CDR James Jarvis, SNSI	C/LT Stephen B. Sadler
Westover High School MCJROTC Unit MAJ Mitchel Carthon	C/GYSGT Jalissia Williams
Woodstock High School NJROTC Unit LT Mark Fagan, SNSI	C/LTJG Benjamin Boykin

NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS**Unit/ Commanding Officer**

2745TH Seabee Battalion
Lt Brian Fleming, NSCC
Pathfinder Excursion Squadron
LTJG Robert Wylie, NSCC
Warrior Division
LTJG Rhonda M Smith, NSCC

Cadet

C/SN Noah Faber-Jones
C/SA James E. Brown
C/SA Christopher Houghton
C/PO2 Billy Phillips



LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS



Atlanta Metropolitan Council members, (L) Don Giles, Council VP Legislative Affairs; and (R) Dave Beasley, Council Director, presented a Navy League History book to Congressman Phil Gingrey, Georgia District 11, in Congressman Gingrey's office in Marietta, Georgia. Congressman Gingrey, a strong advocate for our military services, received

the Navy League Grassroots Legislative Affairs Presentation Two during the meeting on June 15, 2009.

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

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH CEREMONY



For many years Atlanta Metropolitan Council has placed a wreath at the Marietta National Cemetery on Memorial Day. This Year President Steve Adams (l) and Director Bob Wise (r) attended. The ceremony started at noon

The Marietta National Cemetery is canonized ground. Inside its storied gates are buried more than 10,000 veterans, spanning 23 states, from New York and Michigan to Alabama and Georgia. Men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in other wars also rest peacefully at the 139-year-old cemetery.

Major General Jerome Johnson is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, United States Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

With the help of the Boy Scouts of America, flags were placed beside every grave at the cemetery before the official ceremony began.

CAPTAIN RADLOFF FAREWELL RECEPTION



Atlanta Metropolitan Council held a farewell reception for Captain Wayne Radloff USN, Commanding Officer Georgia Tech and Morehouse College ROTC and Captain Ed Gallrein USN, Commanding Officer NOSC at Pfeiffer's Club, NAS Atlanta May 28.

Captain Gallrein was called out of town the day before and was unable to attend. The council presented Captain Radloff with a plaque commemorating his tenure in Atlanta and positive support of the council.

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLED APRIL 2

CAPT Michael Brown, USN, CO USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729) (GOLD) was the speaker at the 2009 Officers and Board of Directors Installation Dinner Thursday, April 2, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select. Captain Brown delivered an outstanding brief on current USS Georgia capabilities and operations. New Officers and Directors sworn in at the



council dinner, April 2, 2009 were: Present (L-R) Director, Joel Feldman; VP Leadership Fund, Bill Schwendler; VP Education, Larry Maurer; VP Legislative Affairs, Don Giles; President Steve Adams; Director and Past President, Chuck McCleskey; Treasurer,

Akhtar Sadiq; VP Operations, Laura McIntosh; Director, Mary Lou Austin; VP Membership, Harley Jones; Director, David Geer; Director, Bob Wise; VP Youth Services, Frank Campbell. Present but not depicted, Secretary, Pargen Robertson.

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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