



# ATTENTION ON DECK

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## 2006 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Awards Winners Announced at Banquet Held May 11 Cadet CDR Ashley Montgomery, Kennesaw Mountain High School Named 2006 NJROTC Cadet



Cadet Commander Ashley Montgomery, Kennesaw Mountain High School was selected Outstanding Metro JROTC Cadet. William T. Schwendler Jr. Chair, Leadership Fund (l) and Bob Wise, Treasurer (r) presented her with a \$400 Savings Bond and Commissioning picture of the USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) signed by President Carter. Her school will

have the traveling trophy for the next year. Cadet Marine Captain Eric M. Arnold, East Coweta County High was runner up and received a \$250 Savings Bond The following Honorable Mention awardees received a \$75 Savings Bond, Cadet LCDR Avik Saha, Cross Keys High School, Cadet LT Victoria T. Kostecki, McEachern High School, and Cadet Marine Captain Amy M. King, Newton County High School

## Metro Sea Cadet William T. Schwendler Award for Excellence Ends in First Place Tie



The Schwendler Award for Excellence resulted in a tie for first place for the first time in the Awards history. William T. Schwendler, Jr, Chair Leadership Fund (l) and Bob Wise, Treasurer (r) presented CPO Bradford Lockridge, NSCC, 233<sup>rd</sup> Construction Battalion (l) and PO2 Tyler Phillips, NSCC, Warrior Division (r) a \$300 Savings Bond and a Commissioning picture of the USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) signed by President Carter.

CPO Jesse Ware, NSCC,

NARS B-1 Squadron (c) received a \$100 Savings Bond for Honorable Mention.

## Navy League Youth Medal Awarded To Top Sea Cadet Of Each Unit

The following Sea Cadets were awarded the Navy League Youth Medal for their selection as the top Sea Cadet in their unit:

PO1 Jacob Riffe, NSCC, Augusta Seabee Stingers; CPO Jared Coleman, NSCC, NARS B 1 Squadron; CPO Mary Lewallen, NSCC, Warrior Division; CPO Brad Lockridge, 233<sup>rd</sup> Seabee Battalion, and PO3 Nick Batson, 2745<sup>th</sup> Seabee Battalion.

## Warrior Division Wins Jason E. Lawson Trophy



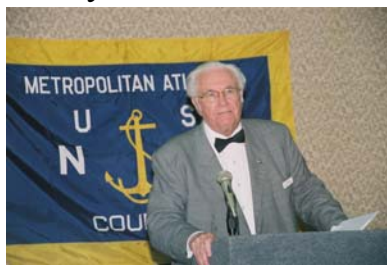
LTJG Laura McIntosh, NSCC, Commanding Officer, Warrior Division receives the Jason E. Lawson Trophy For Outstanding Sea Cadet Unit from RADM Casey Coane, USNR (Ret), Vice President, Youth Activities. Aviation Warfare Systems Operator Second Class (AW2) Jason Edward Lawson was one of three Navy personnel lost in a helicopter training accident off the coast of Greece on March 11, 2002. Born in 1980, Jason was a former member of the NARS B-1 Sea Cadet Unit.

As Ron Ricketts, Council Director, wrote afterwards: "I had the privilege of being Jason's Commanding Officer when he first joined the Naval Sea Cadet Corps at the NARS B-1 Squadron. Jason was a truly dedicated, hardworking, and extremely loyal American. He excelled in every field. I watched him grow from a child into a tremendous young man. He achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer, the highest rank that a cadet can earn.

Jason was anchored on solid ground due to the upbringing he received from his parents, Jesse and Roz Lawson. We and the entire country owe them a debt that can never be repaid."

In his three years at NARS B-1, Jason rose to become Leading Petty Officer, the cadet commanding the unit, then CPO. In each of those years the Unit was ranked in the top ten units in the country. In 1999, the year he graduated from high school, Jason was named National Sea Cadet of the Year.

## Bobby L. Green and Harry L. Mahoney, Jr. Honored



Metropolitan Atlanta Council Past President, Board Member and Youth Awards Banquet Chairman Bobby L. Green (l) and Awards Director and Board member Harry L. Mahoney, Jr. were honored at the 13th Annual Youth Awards Banquet May 11<sup>th</sup>. Both men are ending their active involvement with the Council.

Green created the idea to honor the top Navy/Marine Corps JROTC Cadets with LCDR Frank Campbell USN (Ret) the Senior Naval Science Instructor at Kennesaw Mountain High School in 1991. Two years later the first Awards Banquet was held. The 2006 Banquet was the last for Green. It was fitting tribute to both men that C/CDR Ashley Montgomery from Kennesaw Mountain High School was selected as the top N/MCROTC Cadet from 37 contenders. LCDR Campbell is still on duty as the SNSI .at Kennesaw Mountain High.



Mahoney (l) has been a Board member for years and has coordinated the design, and production of all of Metro Atlanta Council's awards presented to Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units, 5 Sea Cadet units, and the NROTC units at Georgia Tech and Morehouse College. He has also produced quarterly and annual awards for sailors

at the Naval Air Station Atlanta, the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center Atlanta, the Navy Supply School in Athens, Georgia, the Navy Recruiting District of Atlanta, Council sponsored ships USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) and USS GEORGIA (SSGN-729).

### Banquet Speaker R. Lee Rhyant Lockheed Martin Executive



R. Lee Rhyant, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems, (l) was the Award Dinner's Keynote speaker. He is shown here accepting a Commissioning Picture of the USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) from Council Treasurer, Bob Wise (r). Mr. Rhyant joined LM Aero in July 2000 leading the company's Marietta, Georgia, facility. In his position at LM Aero – Marietta, he has responsibility for the

8,000-employee operation, delivering the world's finest military aircraft such as the C-130J Hercules, F/A-22 Stealth Fighter, P-3 Reconnaissance and C-5B modification programs. He joined Lockheed Martin with more than 30 years of aerospace and automotive industry experience. He holds an MBA degree from Indiana University and a bachelor's degree from Bethune-Cookman College. Mr. Rhyant has also completed a number of executive development courses at Harvard University, London School of Business, M.I.T., and General Motors Institute. Lee has been recognized nationally for his leadership. He serves on numerous boards and is very active in the Atlanta community.

### Criteria for the Outstanding Metro Sea Cadet Award

Candidates for 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 their 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

“From the Bridge”  
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE  
**Harley Jones**

Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual youth awards banquet for our Atlanta area Sea Cadet and Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units celebrating the accomplishments of a fine group of young Americans was outstanding. Over 130 attended. It is one of a number of ways your Navy League Council serves our community and youth.

The Navy League is a group of volunteers that includes veterans, reservists, and many men and women who have never had any military service. We welcome all who support the Sea Services and want a better environment for our young people.

The Youth Awards banquet is one of many ongoing Navy League projects for our students and our active and reserve duty personnel. From the greater Atlanta area we have 5 Sea Cadet units and 37 high schools with Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units, all of which are eligible for the awards. We have an awards program for the two NROTC units at Georgia Tech and Morehouse College. Additionally, we provide awards for sailors and bluejackets at Naval Air Station Atlanta, the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center Atlanta, the Navy Supply School in Athens, the Navy Recruiting District Atlanta, and aboard the submarines USS Georgia and USS Jimmy Carter.

I am pleased to mention that our efforts in 2005 earned your Atlanta Metropolitan Council an Honorable Mention Award from the Navy League of the U.S. There are nearly 300 councils in the U.S., and we are in the top 10%!

We live in difficult times, and with your support of our programs help young people set and realize positive goals for themselves.

**Many thanks to the following who made the Banquet a great success:**

**Warrior Division Color Guard for presenting the Colors**

For donating tickets to cover the cost of cadet meals:

- **Danny Camp; Patty Chmiel; Casey Coane; Keith & Roz Coleman; Rick Faber; Joel Feldman; Clarke Franklin; Don Giles; Bobby Green; Larry Hamilton; Stewart Horning; Harley Jones; Laura McIntosh; Al Mota; Bill Schwendler; Chuck Stevenson; Phil Sullivan; Bob Wise**
- **Association of Naval Aviation; Lockheed Martin Aeronautics**

For funding our Council's awards program, making well over 100 awards to youth and to active and reserve duty Navy and Marine personnel:

- **The Navy League Leadership Fund**

For recent contributions to the Leadership Fund that sustain its grants:

- **Nearly 75 members of the Atlanta Metro Council of the Navy League**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Phillip Sullivan, Vice President, Membership

Mary N. Lewellan Bowdon, GA; Jared M. Coleman, Newman, GA; Patrick T. Moore, Jackson, GA; G. Lindsay Scott, Alpharetta, GA; Jesse A. Ware, Kennesaw, GA; Michael W.B. Billips, Atlanta, GA; Tara W. Parker, Marietta, GA, and Robert Caudle, Atlanta, GA

**Annual Armed Forces Appreciation Luncheon**

Don Giles

Senator Saxby Chambliss was the keynote speaker at the Armed Forces Appreciation luncheon May 22, at the Cobb Galleria Centre. The pageantry filled luncheon, sponsored annually by the Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council, was held specifically to express gratitude to our military men and women for their sacrifices and service to our Country. The annual USO Patriot Award was presented to the 48<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the Georgia National Guard, recognizing the unit's outstanding accomplishments during a recently completed deployment to Iraq. Brigadier General Stewart Rodeheaver, Commander, 48<sup>th</sup> Brigade, accepted the award for the unit. A Joint Services U.S. Flag Ceremony was conducted using a flag flown aboard an F-16 during a combat mission over Iraq while the 48<sup>th</sup> Brigade was deployed. The folded flag was also presented to General Rodeheaver. Our Atlanta Council was well represented among the 500 attendees. One of our Board members, RADM Casey Coane, was the Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon. He is the Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council.

**NAVY RECRUITING SITREP**

Don Giles

One of the most important ways we can help our U.S. Navy is by staying informed about the recruiting mission and providing qualified referrals to our local recruiters. Here are a few notes relevant to the recruiting challenge and priorities assigned to Navy Recruiters:

- In April 2006, the Navy completed its 57th consecutive month of meeting our active duty enlisted new contract and accession goals.
- Navy's FY 06 active duty accession goal 36,656. The Reserve accession goal is 11,180.
- Recruiting remains a significant challenge in an expanding economy.
- Recruiting is having difficulty meeting the Reserve goal.
- Sixty-six percent (66%) of our Reserve goal is from the prior service market. Continued high active duty retention is reducing the available pool of veterans.
- Forty-six percent (46%) of the Reserve prior service goal is in four areas: Seabee, Master-at-Arms (military police), Hospital Corpsman, and Intelligence Specialist. Factors that are impacting these goals include civilian unemployment rates in the healthcare, and law enforcement sectors that are lower than the median for all sectors. Gulf Coast reconstruction is putting pressure on the national construction trades labor market.
- The national job market continues to improve. The national unemployment rate dropped from 6.0 to 4.7 percent between Oct 2003 and April 2006.
- The national recruiting market is shrinking. 72% of target market is not qualified to serve because of medical, legal, drugs/alcohol, dependents and quality targets. The last bullet is particularly alarming. Please keep that in mind and do not miss an opportunity to refer outstanding candidates for service in our Navy.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 13 Board Meeting  
June 16 Naval Recruiting District Change of Command  
July 11 Board Meeting  
July 12-16 National Convention – St Thomas/Virgin Islands  
August 8 Board Meeting  
September 12 Board Meeting

**Metro N/MC JROTC Units, Instructors, and Cadets**

<b>Unit/Instructor</b>	<b>Cadet</b>
Baldwin High School NJROTC Unit	
LT Frank Hernandez, SNSI	C/LT Jennifer Thompson
Cedar Grove High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR Eugene Adkins, SNSI	No candidate
Columbia High School NJROTC Unit	
LCDR Luther Hill, SNSI	C/ENS Karalo Brownlee
Cross Keys High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR T. Ray Moody, SNSI	C/LCDR Avik Saha
Druid Hills High School NJROTC Unit	
LtCol Clarence Mariney, SNSI	C/LT Meaghan A. Eustice
Duluth High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR Robert J. Salley, SNSI	C/CPO Johnathan Leo
Eagles Landing High School NJROTC Unit	
LtCOL Jay M. Cluelow, SMCSI	C/CDR Joshua Boston
East Coweta County High School MCJROTC Unit	
COL David Ingram, SMCSI	C/CAPT Eric M. Arnold
East Hall High School NJROTC Unit	
MAJ Brad A. McCanna, SNSI	C/LCDR Mahealani Wenman
Frederick Douglass High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR Leroy L. Washington, SNSI	C/LT Keisha Dewberry
George T. Butler High School MCJROTC Unit	
CWO Carmen Cole, SMCSI	C/1 <sup>st</sup> LT Amanda Olson
Henry County High School NJROTC Unit	
CAPT Joseph F. Tucker, SNSI	C/MCPO S. Nicholas Krieger
Heritage High School MCJROTC Unit	
LtCOL Richard Glenzer, SMCSI	C/1 <sup>st</sup> LT Claudia Hagan
Jackson High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR Patrick Moore, SNSI	C/LCDR Benjamin McNeal
Kennesaw Mountain High School NJROTC Unit	
LCDR Frank Campbell, SNSI	C/CDR Ashley Montgomery
Lassiter/Pope/Sprayberry/Kell High School NJROTC Unit	
CAPT William C. Wilkerson, SNSI	C/LTjg Eric S. Harrison
Lee County High School NJROTC Unit	
CAPT Albert J. Schuette, SNSI	C/ENS Patrick R. Shealy
Lithia Springs Comprehensive High School MCJROTC Unit	
LtCOL David Beasley, SMCSI	C/SSgt Jamar Smith
Lithonia High School NJROTC Unit	
LCDR Roseman L. Deas, SNSI	C/CDR Kwame N. Anyika
Luella High School NJROTC Unit	
CAPT Steve Seal, SNSI	C/CDR Danielle Mahan
Martin Luther King, Jr. High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR Edward Johnson, SNSI	No candidate
McEachern High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR Eugene G. Sudol, SNSI	C/LT Victoria T. Kostecki
Newton County High School MCJROTC Unit	
LtCOL Chas. R. Stanford, SMCSI	C/CAPT Amy M. King
North Cobb High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR Craig Smith, SNSI	C/LT Zachary P. George
North Forsyth High School MCJROTC Unit	
MAJ Charles "Mack" Kelly, SMCSI	C/SGT Corey McIntyre
Parkview High School MCJROTC Unit	

October 10 Board Meeting ,October 14 Navy Ball

LtCOL Denis G. Carruth, SMCSI	C/LT Andrew O. Stephens
Peach County High School NJROTC Unit	
LCDR Lewis Gyerra, SNSI	C/LCDR Tiphineigh Eliz. McCoy
Rockdale County High School MCJROTC Unit	
LtCOL Richard Glenzer, SMCSI	C/1 <sup>st</sup> LT Victoria Johnson
Rutland High School MCJROTC Unit	
MAJ Marsha Hayden, SMCSI	Cadet Kettisha Howard
Salem High School MCJROTC Unit	
LtCOL Richard Glenzer, SMCSI	C/2 <sup>nd</sup> LT Natasha Nicely
Southwest DeKalb High School NJROTC Unit	
LCDR Frederick Espy, SNSI	C/LTjg Adrienne Glasgow
Stephenson High School NJROTC Unit	
LCDR Richard B. Murray, SNSI	C/LCDR Joshua J. Jackson
Stockbridge High School NJROTC Unit	
CDR Ralph Malone, SNSI	C/LT Anna M. Schroeter
Stone Mountain High School NJROTC Unit	
CAPT James Roger, SNSI	C/PO1st Marquis Montgomery
Union Grove High School NJROTC Unit	
CAPT Stanley P. Brooks, SNSI	C/LTjg Cameron Smith
Upson Lee High School NJROTC Unit	
LCDR Denis Morek, SNSI	C/LCDR Ashley Daniel
Woodstock High School NJROTC Unit	
LT Mark Fagan, SNSI	C/ENS Berrot Fernando

### **Criteria for the Outstanding Metro JROTC Cadet Award**

To be considered for this honor, the Cadet

- will have served at least two years in the N/MCJROTC,
- is preferably a high school junior;
- must exhibit ethical and reliable leadership skills;
- must have served in a management position in his/her JROTC unit;
- should demonstrate a desire to advance both him/herself and his/her unit; and
- will have been nominated by the unit SNSI or SMCSI.

### **Metro JROTC Finalists**



**William T. Schwendler, Jr, Chair, Leadership Fund, C/Capt E.M. Arnold (RU), C/LCDR A Saha (HM); C/LT V. Kostecki(HM), C/Capt A. King (HM), C/CDR A Montgomery, (Winner), Bob Wise, Treasurer**



**Pre ident**  
**Harley T. Jones**

**Vice President, Operations**  
**,D. Clarke Franklin**

**Vice President, Legislative**  
**Affairs, Don Giles**

**Vice President, Youth**  
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**Web Master**  
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**Past Presidents**  
**Bobby Green, Don Giles,**  
**Al Mota**

## Director Stewart Horning Presents Petty Officer of the Quarter Award at Naval Support Activity Athens



) Second  
Class Corey D. Fitzpatrick,  
USN NSA, Athens Security  
Operations Officer received  
the Metro Atlanta Certificate  
for his selection as Petty  
officer of the quarter.

The citation read in part "Your selection for this highly competitive award sets you apart as a "True Professional" and personifies the United States Navy's reputation for high standards of performance and conduct. You can be proud of your achievements."

### NAVY BALL FRIDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

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