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COUNCIL TO RECEIVE TWO AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 28-31

President Chuck McCleskey will receive the 2007 Outstanding Medium Council Award and the 2007 Medium Council Mackie Public Relations Recognition Award at the National Convention in Kansas City, MO. National Director/Vice President Legislative Affairs Don Giles will also attend the convention. 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

RECEPTION FOR CDR DAVE HONABACH, USN COMMANDING OFFICER USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23)

Atlanta Metropolitan Council held a reception for Commander Honabach at Pfeiffers Club NAS Atlanta September 23rd. He gave a presentation on JIMMY CARTER and the current submarine force. The council sponsors the CARTER and was instrumental in coordinating the events at the Commissioning Ceremony weekend February 18-19, 2005. This was the first time Commander Honabach, who has been selected for promotion to Captain, visited Atlanta.



Council President Chuck McCleskey (right) presented CDR Honabach with a commissioning lithograph print of the boat autographed by former President Carter. He also gave him number 100 and 2000 of the minted commissioning coins. President Carter has number 1. CDR Honabach presented

President McCleskey with a Plaque from the crew thanking the council for its' support and patriotism.

Check our website <http://atlanta.navyleague.us>

From the President...

CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (ret)



I would like to take this opportunity to ask all of you to write your representatives in the House and Senate and enforce the need for our country to maintain a 313 ship Navy. This is critical for our nation to maintain our maritime superiority and remain a superpower- history has proven no nation can be a superpower without a strong Navy. We are down to 289 ships and the current proposed budget for FY2009 has *less than half the funding* needed to achieve our stated goal of a 313 ship Navy. Our Legislative Affairs effort, led by Don Giles, has done a great job of educating our members of Congress - but we need your letters and e-mails to drive the point home.

Our Council has remained very busy over the last few months. In September, we hosted CDR Dave Honabach, USN, Commanding Officer of the USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) (see website for article and pictures). The event was well attended and CDR Honabach made an excellent presentation on the current submarine force and updated us on the CARTER's non-classified activities. During that month we also hosted 160 Midshipmen from Morehouse and Georgia Tech at the Leadership Center at Morehouse. Approximately 20 Navy and Marine Corps Active Duty, Reserve, and Retired officers and enlisted in uniform attended this important event and shared their "sea stories" with the Midshipmen. Each representative informed the Midshipmen about their respective communities- Aviation, Surface Warfare, Submarine Force, and Marines. I myself had the pleasure of talking to 6 different tables of Midshipmen, and let me tell you- they asked some fantastic questions! I was very impressed with the leadership qualities of these young men and women.

In late July we had a "Welcome Aboard Reception" for CAPT Ed Gallrein, USN, (CO, NOSC Atlanta) CAPT Chuck Mingonet, USN (CO, NAS Atlanta), and CDR Julie Parsons (CO, NRD Atlanta). The event was well attended and we are thrilled to have these fine officers leading our local Navy commands.

On October 11, 2008 I attended the Atlanta Area Navy Ball in honor of the Navy's 223rd birthday, which was hosted by NAS Atlanta and held in one of their hangars. This was a wonderful event and the last to be hosted by NAS Atlanta, which is closing soon. The event paid tribute to the history of the base and the men and women who served there, and speakers from the past included former Commanding Officers such as our friend CAPT Steve Christopher, USN (ret). Steve is also the Director of Military programs for **Phoenix Air Group, our newest Community Affiliate. Welcome to Phoenix Air Group!**

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
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2745th Seabee Battalion Naval Sea Cadets Awarded for Superior Training

The Atlanta Metro Area U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps 2745th Seabee Battalion has been awarded the certificate of merit from the National Chairman and Executive Director of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. This award was presented on the 20th of June for the training held by the 2745th Seabee Battalion during 2007. This is the first time that the 2745th Battalion of the Atlanta metro area sea cadets has received this recognition. LTJG Brian Fleming, NSCC, Commanding Officer of the 2745th battalion recognized the other officers and volunteers that made this award possible.

LTJG Brian Fleming stated that he expects to again achieve this award for 2008 as the training schedule has already been improved with the addition of rock climbing and a chief petty officer promotion ceremony where the unit gained its first CPO. He also stated that there are openings for a limited number of young people ages 11-17 to join the ranks of the 2745th Seabee Battalion. Appointments are necessary and can be made by telephone at 770 849 9701.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is composed of everyday young people who have an interest in seamanship, the military, or other seagoing careers. Cadet applicants must be crime-free, drug-free, physically fit and approved by their school.

Adult volunteers, with or without military experience, are needed to allow the Sea Cadet program to grow. Those with seamanship, engineering, administrative and fund-raising skills are especially needed. Interested adults are encouraged to visit us. To set an appointment, contact Brian Fleming of HelpWrite at: 770 849 9701. For further information on the 2745th Seabee Battalion go to www.seacadet2745.com.

Welcome New Members

August

Dave Butcher McDonough

Chuck Danehew Acworth

Donald & Pamela Vanoteghem Leesburgh

September

Community Affiliate.

Phoenix Air Group, Inc. Cartersville

Steve Christopher, George Crim, Dent Thompson, Bob Tracy

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If you are receiving this by **US Postal Service and have an e-mail address**, please let me know your address via e-mail at lar_babs@msn.com or call me at 770 941-4995. We have had several e-mail messages returned due to incorrect addresses and I am certain that a few of the recipients of the mailed copies have e-mail addresses as well. It costs the council around \$.50 per person to mail the newsletter and this money could be better used in our support programs for the sea services.

Larry Hamilton VP Public Affairs, Editor and Webmaster

COUNCIL HOSTS GEORGIA TECH/MOREHOUSE COLLEGE NROTC RECEPTION

Atlanta Metropolitan Council sponsored the 5th annual Georgia Tech/ Morehouse College NROTC reception September 25. Over 160 midshipmen were there making it the best attended reception since the Council initiated the annual event.



Council President Chuck McClesley opened the program. USAA was a co-sponsor again this year. Over 25 door prizes from USAA and the Council were presented including several USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN-23) commissioning coins

Don Giles (right) speaks with Captain Ted Shimp, USMC (left). The reception was coordinated by Council member CAPT Pete Knoetgen USN (ret) and CAPT Wayne Radloff, USN, CO Georgia Tech NROTC. Other attendees included LTCOL R. J. Pearson, USMC, XO; NROTC staff; Capt Charles Mingonet, USN, CO NAS Atlanta; Past President Haley Jones; VP Legislative Affairs Don Giles; VP Youth Services Frank Campbell and Director Bob Wise.

The event was held at Morehouse College for Morehouse and Georgia Tech students. Many of the students at Morehouse participate in NROTC, but are not yet on the scholarship program. This event gives students access to fleet experienced officers that have had successful careers, and discuss opportunities and rewards of becoming a Navy or Marine Corps officer.

ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COUNCIL HOLDS WELCOME ABOARD RECEPTION

The Atlanta Metropolitan Council welcomed three new area commanding officers July 24th with a reception at Pfeiffer's Club, Naval Air Station Atlanta. Honored were from left Naval Operations Support Center Commanding Officer Captain Ed Gallrein, USN; Naval Air Station Atlanta Commanding Officer Captain Charles Mingonet, USN and Naval Recruiting District Commanding Officer Commander Julie Parsons, USN. Council President Chuck McCleskey presented each of them with a copy of *Defending Freedom – Our Navy Marine Corps Team*



LEGISLATIVE TEAM GIVES THREE CONGRESSMAN GRASSROOTS NAVY LEAGUE PRESENTATION



Congressman David Scott (Georgia District 13) accepts a copy of the Navy League History Book. Atlanta Council members, Don Giles (R) and Gene McCarthy (L), provided a Navy League Grassroots Legislative Affairs presentation to Representative Scott at his Smyrna Office on August 11, 2008.

Congressman John Linder (GA District 7) accepts a copy of the Navy League History Book following a Navy League Grassroots Legislative Affairs briefing at his Lawrenceville Office on August 19, 2008. (L-R) Don Giles, Atlanta Council VP Legislative Affairs; Congressman Linder; Mark Edson, Director; Bob Bruhns, Former Director.



Don Giles and Phil Sullivan presented a copy of "Defending Freedom" to Congressman Tom Price (GA District 6) following a Navy League Grassroots Legislative Affairs Update Briefing at his Marietta Office on August 21, 2008. (L-R) Phil Sullivan, Director; Congressman Tom Price; Don Giles, Atlanta Council VP Legislative Affairs.

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President McCleskey Appoints 2009 Nominating Committee

President Chuck McCleskey appointed the 2009 Council Election Nomination Committee. He selected Don Giles as Chairman with William T. Schwendler, Jr and Larry D. Hamilton as members.

They are to select persons to fill the following positions: President, V.P. Administration, V.P. Legislative Affairs, V.P. Membership, V.P. Operations, V.P. Public Affairs, V.P. Youth Services, V.P. Leadership Fund, V.P. Education, Treasurer, Secretary, Judge Advocate and Directors. The slate must be presented by December 1st 2008.

Chairman Giles asks for members who are interested in serving to contact any member of the committee:

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

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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.

	NATIONAL DUES
Life Member	\$500
Husband/Wife Life Member	\$750
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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233rd NAVY BALL LAST ONE AT NAS ATLANTA



The last Navy Ball at NAS Atlanta was held October 11 in Hanger 5. Council President CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (ret), his wife Lisa; Past President CAPT Harley Jones, USN (ret) his wife Bonnie; Director CAPT Phil Sullivan, USN (ret) and Chaplain

Danny Camp were among those in attendance. NAS Atlanta was closed by the last BRAC and will transfer to the Air Force and Army the spring of 2009.

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