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Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States Names 2008 JROTC and Sea Cadet Winners

C/LCDR Marleyna Greene, JROTC Winner

C/Seaman Wesley Satterwhite, NSCC, Sea Cadet Winner



The Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States held its' 15th Annual Youth Awards Banquet May 8th and named Cadet LCDR Marleyna Greene, Stephenson High School the 2008 winner of the JROTC Award. C/LCDR Greene was selected from 45 nominees. Council President Chuck McCleskey (center) and Vice President Youth Services Frank Campbell (right) presented the award (left)

The Council also named C/Seaman Wesley Satterwhite, NSCC from 2745th Seabee Battalion, a student at Fayette County High school, for the Councils' 8th Annual Sea Cadet award. Vice President Leadership Fund William T. Schwendler, Jr. (left) and Council President Chuck McCleskey (right) presented the award below right. C/LCDR Greene and Cadet Seaman Satterwhite each received a \$500 U.S Savings Bond. Additionally C/LCDR Greene was awarded an NROTC scholarship to attend Spelman College by the Naval Service Training Command in February 2008.

C/SGTMAJ Corey A. Ware, Covington, GA a student at Newton High School received a \$250 US Savings Bond for second place in the JROTC competition. The following five Cadets received a \$100 Bond for Honorable Mention:

C/MAJ Chris Hall, Parkview High School

C/LCDR Duncan Hall, North Cobb High School

C/SCPO Kimberly MacDonald, Kennesaw Mountain High School



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C/CDR Nicole Pitts, Stockbridge High School

C/LCDR Carrie Rector, Cross Keys High School

The Jason E. Lawson Trophy for Outstanding Sea Cadet Unit 2008 was awarded

to 2745th Seabee Battalion Commanding Officer LTJG Brian Fleming, NSCC (right) by LT Rick Faber, NSCC, Director, Sea Cadet Program (left). 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 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.



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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 45 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)

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 JRO TC 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. (Continued on page 5)

From the President...

CAPT Chuck McCleskey, USN (ret)

April and May were busy months for the Metro Atlanta Council. The highlight of the period was on May 8th with our 15th Annual Youth Awards Banquet, where we recognized the top cadets from our 45 supported NJROTC Units and 8 supported Sea Cadet units.



Our outstanding committee for this year's banquet was led by VP-Youth Frank Campbell and VP-Leadership Fund Bill Schwendler. Frank, Bill and the rest of the committee put together an outstanding event. For photos of this event (and others) and a complete list of award winners please visit our web site at <http://atlanta.navyleague.us>.

On April 24th Pete Knoetgen presented a sword to the Outstanding Midshipman from Georgia Tech at the 2008 Awards and Commissioning ceremonies. Also in attendance were myself and Frank Campbell. On May 17th I attended the Awards and Commissioning ceremonies for the Morehouse/Clark Atlanta /Spelman University NROTC graduates. I had the privilege of presenting a sword to the Outstanding Midshipmen, ENS Candice T. Lovelace from Spelman College. It was an honor for all of us to see the fine men and women graduates/newly commissioned officers for all branches of service from all of these schools.

On May 19th we had a Navy League table for the 56TH Annual ARMAC (Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council) Military Affairs Luncheon. The guest speaker was the Vice Chief of Naval Operations- Admiral Patrick M, Walsh, USN. All services were honored at the event, which was attended by organizations from all over the Metro area.

Finally, the Council presented a wreath at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Marietta National Cemetery on May 26th. Several council members were in attendance at the event. VP Operations Bobby Green presented the wreath on behalf of the Council and our Sea Cadet units were there providing full support to the event.

Many key events remain for this year such as the Navy Ball. We appreciate your support for all of our activities and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

A couple of other notes before I close. We are holding a membership drive between now and July 1st when National dues will go up, as necessitated by the rising costs encountered by our National organization. Please contact any individuals you know who might be interested in joining the Navy League and get them to join before the National dues increase!

NATIONAL DUES

| | Current | July 1, 2008 |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Life Member | \$450 | \$500 |
| Husband/Wife Life Member | \$650 | \$750 |
| Regular Member | \$40 | \$50 |
| Two-year Member | \$75 | \$90 |
| Three-year Member | \$100 | \$125 |
| Husband/Wife Member | \$70 | \$85 |

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully

Chuck

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Metro N/MC JROTC Units, Instructors, and Cadets

| Unit/Instructor | Cadet |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Baldwin High School NJROTC Unit LT Frank Hernandez, SNSI | C/CDR William Smith |
| Cedar Grove High School NJROTC Unit CDR Eugene Adkins, SNSI | C/LCDR Jonathan Davis |
| Columbia High School NJROTC Unit LCDR Luther Hill, SNSI | C/CPO Yezmin Clements |
| Cross Creek High School NJROTC Unit CDR Jonathan Shaw | C/LCDR Joseph D. Harrell |
| Cross Keys High School NJROTC Unit CDR T. Ray Moody, SNSI | C/LCDR Carrie Rector |
| Dougherty CO High School MCJROTC MAJ Ron Underdahl, SMCSI | C/MAJ Victoria Jefferson |
| Druid Hills High School NJROTC Unit LTCOL Clarence Mariney, SNSI | C/ENS Tyler Ross |
| Duluth High School NJROTC Unit CDR Jim Bickerton, SNSI | C/LCDR Lucas Beyer |
| Eagles Landing High School NJROTC Unit LTCOL Jay M. Cluelow, SMCSI | C/CDR Jefferson McMillan |
| East Coweta County High School MCJROTC Unit COL David Ingram, SMCSI | C/1 st LT Tiffany N. Eady |
| East Hall High School NJROTC Unit MAJ Brad A. McCanna, SNSI | C/LT Angie Quezada |
| Frederick Douglass High School NJROTC Unit CDR Leroy L. Washington, SNSI | C/LT Reginald McKinney |
| George T. Butler High School MCJROTC Unit CWO Carmen Cole, SMCSI | C/SGTMAJ Deonna Turner |
| Glenn Hills High School NJROTC Unit CDR Earl Richardson, SNSI | C/LT Tykeria Bragg |
| Greenbrier High School NJROTC CDR Robert Brewer | C/ENS Audrianna Llinas |
| Henry County High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Joseph F. Tucker, SNSI | C/LCDR Savannah Hoover |
| Heritage High School MCJROTC Unit MAJ Don Hanks | C/1 st LT Clinton Werner |
| Jackson High School NJROTC Unit CDR Patrick Moore, SNSI | C/LCDR Chase Johnson |
| Jefferson CO High School NJROTC Unit CDR Charles Lewis, SNSI | C/ENS Jacob Wasden |
| Kennesaw Mountain High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Sean King | C/SCPO Kim McDonald |
| Lassiter/Pope/Sprayberry/Kell High School NJROTC Unit CAPT William C. Wilkerson, SNSI | C/LCDR Julian Johnston |
| Lee County High School NJROTC Unit CAPT Albert J. Schuette, SNSI | C/ENS Justin Griffin |
| Lithia Springs Comprehensive High School MCJROTC Unit LTCOL David Beasley, SMCSI | C/SGT David Montgomery |

Lithonia High School NJROTC Unit

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| LCDR Roseman L. Deas, SNSI | C/CDR Odessa Pemberton |
| Luella High School NJROTC Unit | |
| CAPT Steve Seal, SNSI | C/ENS Joshua Harris |
| Macon CO High School NJROTC Unit | |
| LCDR Robert Wessinger, SNSI | C/CDR Michael Meadows |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. High School NJROTC Unit | |
| CDR Edward Johnson, SNSI | C/CDR Kenneth Scott |
| McEachern High School NJROTC Unit | |
| CDR Eugene G. Sudol, Jr., SNSI | C/SCPO Heather Bishop |
| Newton County High School MCJROTC Unit | |
| LTCOL Chas. R. Stanford, SMCSI | C/SGTMAJ Corey Ware |
| North Cobb High School NJROTC Unit | |
| CDR Joel Reaves, SNSI | C/CPO Duncan Hall |
| North Forsyth High School MCJROTC Unit | |
| MAJ Charles "Mack" Kelly, SMCSI | C/MAJ Andrew Dessin |
| Parkview High School MCJROTC Unit | |
| GYSGT David Erwin, MCSI | C/MAJ Chris Hall |
| Peach County High School NJROTC Unit | |
| LCDR Jeffrey Treude | C/ENS Benjamin Rincon |
| Rockdale County High School MCJROTC Unit | |
| CWO3 Mike Carlisle, SMCSI | C/2 nd LT Ryan Best |
| Rutland High School MCJROTC Unit | |
| MAJ Marsha Hayden, SMCSI | C/2 nd LT William Collins |
| Salem High School MCJROTC Unit | |
| MAJ Cedric Ingram, SMCSI | C/1 st LT Hailey Floyd |
| Southwest DeKalb High School NJROTC Unit | |
| LCDR Frederick Espy, SNSI | C/CDR Alisha Maitland |
| Stephenson High School NJROTC Unit | |
| CAPT Mary McAdams, SNSI | C/LCDR Marleya Greene |
| Stockbridge High School NJROTC Unit | |
| CDR Billy Malone, SNSI | C/LT Nicole Pitts |
| Stone Mountain High School NJROTC Unit | |
| CAPT James Roger, SNSI | C/CPO Terrell Robinson |
| Union Grove High School NJROTC Unit | |
| LCDR Charles Andrews, SNSI | C/LT Juli Marie Yoder |
| Upson Lee High School NJROTC Unit | |
| CDR James Jarvis, SNSI | C/LT Sydney Connally |
| Westside High School NJROTC Unit | |
| MAJ Hank Mitchell | C/CDR Diondria Whitehead |
| Westover High School MCJROTC Unit | |
| MAJ Mitchel Carthon | C/CAPT Shannon Williams |
| Woodstock High School NJROTC Unit | |
| LT Mark Fagan, SNSI | C/CPO Preston Toholsky |

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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.

YOUTH AWARDS BANQUET PHOTOS



JROTC Winners LCDR Greene, Sgt Maj Ware, LCDR Hall, MAJ Hall, SCPO McDonald, CDR Pitts and LCDR Rector.



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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION MAY 26, 2008

It was a great day. There were over 1,000 visitors plus at least 150 dignitaries present for the 62nd annual Memorial Day Celebration at the Marietta National Cemetery. The ceremony is sponsored by the Memorial Day Association of Georgia of which the Navy League is a member.

The Ceremony included U.S. Soldiers, JROTC Cadets from several high schools and a large number of U.S Naval Sea Cadets. The Boy Scouts placed flags on each grave prior to the ceremony.



Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, Chief of staff G-4 U.S. Army Forces Command was the speaker. Past Council President and current Vice President, Operations Bobby Green presented the Council's wreath. Bobby Green created the first wreath to be used for the ceremony and it was placed on the graves in 1990. We have had two or three wreaths since the first one but he was

responsible for getting all of them prepared. Bobby has been the sole "wreath placer" through the years.

Atlanta Metropolitan Council Members attending included Capt. Charles McCleskey, USN, (Ret) Council President and his wife Lisa; Rosilyn Coleman representing the Gold Star Mothers; Past Council President Bobby L. Green; LCDR James Serrate, USNSCC, former Commanding Officer NARS B-1, and LTJG Keith Coleman, USNSCC. Pictured with the Council Wreath are from Left LCDR Serrate, Bobby Green and LTJ Coleman

NAVY FUNERAL HONORS DETAIL INFORMATION

The Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Atlanta, Ga. is coordinating a Funeral Honor Detail Team for Navy Reservists and Navy Retirees. The NOSC provides partial funerals in response to family requests for military honors at funerals in 47 Georgia counties. Since the Brac implementation moves all the Air-wing Squadrons to varying locations, NOSC Atlanta will completely take over the Military honors in 2009. For details contact SK1(AW) Thompson, NOSC ATL Ceremony Coordinator, NOSC Atlanta, GA, 1210 Naval Forces Court Marietta, GA 30069 work: 678-655-7171 cell: 770-722-3917

Atlanta Metropolitan Council Chaplain Danny Camp Visits Joint Task Force Guantanamo Camp

Past President Chuck Stevenson learned in January about a Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) sponsored by the Department of Defense to visit the Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Camp March 28. JCOC is a Secretary of Defense sponsored program for America's leaders interested in expanding their knowledge of the military and national defense.

He was given four slots to fill and Atlanta Council Chaplain and Naval Sea Cadet Assistant Regional Director Danny Camp; Brent Brown, President and CEO Chesley Brown Companies, Inc; Mike Wilkie, Chief of Police, Acworth, GA ,and Frank Quallen, General Manager Atlanta Marriott Northwest accepted. They flew to Miami March 27 remained over night and flew to Cuba the next morning on military aircraft with five other attendees from the U.S.

Upon arrival they were met by Navy Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby, commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, in front of the JTF Guantanamo sign at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Leeward airport. Mar. 28, 2008.



Navy Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby, commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, discusses what it has been like for him in the past year running the JTF Guantanamo operation, with Danny Camp a member of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference

Danny Camp said it was an interesting experience after all he had read in the paper and seen on TV over the years. It appeared the detainees were well cared for and that Admiral Buzby and his staff were proud of their accomplishments and wished more citizens were aware of what was really happens in the camp.

The conferees spent the day receiving briefings and touring the camp. They visited classrooms, the medical facility, and the grounds and ate the same lunch fed to the detainees. The conferees did not meet with any detainees. They returned to Miami via government aircraft at 6 that evening. JCOC attendees paid for their round trip transportation to Miami and lodging.

**MORE GUANTANAMO PHOTOS LOCATED ON THE WEB SITE
GALLERY PAGE <http://atlanta.navyleague.us>**

NROTC AND JROTC AWARDS PRESENTED

Council President Charles McCleskey presented a naval officers sword to Ensign

Candice T. Lovelace, USN at the Morehouse College ROTC commissioning ceremony May 17th. Ensign Lovelace was the outstanding NROTC graduate. The Lithonia, GA native graduated from Spelman College with a degree in history and will report to USS HIGGINS (DDG-76) homeported in San Diego, CA. The Atlanta Metropolitan Council presents a sword to the Georgia Tech and Morehouse College Outstanding NROTC Graduate annually.



Pete Knoetgen, CAPT, USNR (Ret), Atlanta Metro Council, presents Georgia Tech

Outstanding Midshipman Award (Naval Officer Sword) to MIDN 1C David M. Miller in Joint Service Commissioning Ceremony at Georgia Tech 24 April. (Left)

LCDR Frank Campbell, VP Youth Services, Atlanta Metro Council, presents Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Medal to Lithonia High School Senior, C/CDR Odessa Pemberton in ceremonies held 26 April. (Right). More Awards photos on the web <http://atlanta.navyleague.us>.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Harley Jones

Vice President Membership

Ms. Kathryn P Kennelly, Atlanta, GA; CAPT Robert P. Wright, Powder Springs, GA;
Mr. Robert M. Wylie, Moreland, GA; Mr. Lewis M. Iuliucci Milledgeville, GA
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