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“From the Bridge” PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Harley Jones



Congratulations! The Atlanta Metropolitan Council earned the 2005 Honorable Mention Council Award. Your council also earned the 2005 Public Relations Honorable Mention Award. Thanks to Larry Hamilton for putting together the Public Relations report and for everyone's support, contributions and efforts to accomplish this recognition. In the picture John Panneton, National President, presents the Honorable Mention Council Award to me. Read my convention report on our website.

As you know we hold monthly board meetings at 7pm the second (2nd) Tuesday of every month at the Navy Recruiting District offices in Symrna. Board meetings are open to all members and last approximately 1 & 1/2 hours. We try to hold a quarterly dinner social with a speaker. Our next one is September 28 to welcome several new commanding officers to the Atlanta area. It will be at the Holiday Inn Select, 4386 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road off I-285 on the North side of Atlanta. Please see the flyer on our web site. <http://atlanta.navyleague.us> Your input is requested as to the type, location, and scheduling of council functions. Would you like dinners or maybe a lunch during the week or on a weekend at the Air Station on a drill weekend so that those drilling could participate? The location could be varied around Atlanta to make it more convenient. I appreciate your input to htjones@mindspring.com, mail at H. Jones, 6490 Deep Valley Court, Flowery Branch, GA 30542 or phone 770-965-6747.

Naval Order project announced: There is no recognition of US Navy involvement in the D-Day invasion. France has donated land at UTAH beach and agreed to maintain the monument in perpetuity. Dedication is planned for June 6, 2008. The Naval Order needs to raise \$500,000. They are a 501(C)3 organization. More information can be found at their web site www.navalorder.org.

12 September Board Meeting location moved to Morehouse to be held in conjunction with the Morehouse/Georgia Tech ROTC midshipmen reception. Please see the flyer on our web site.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Caudle, Atlanta, GA, Peter Knoetgen, Alpharetta, GA
Charles Pursley, Woodstock, GA, William Schreadley, Griffin, GA
Harvey John Cybul, Marietta, GA

Chuck Stevenson Named to Board of Directors



President Harley Jones announced that Charles Stevenson, Director P-3/S-3 Programs, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company was elected to the metro Atlanta Council Board of Directors. He is a seasoned program manager with extensive technical and business expertise combined with over 33 years of leadership experience in private industry and with the U.S. Navy, including over 20 years experience in defense acquisition. While on active duty, he served as a Commanding Officer, Deputy Program Manager, chief engineer, logistics manager, business/financial manager, and P-3C aircraft Patrol Plane Commander, Functional Check Pilot, and Mission Commander. He had three tours within the Naval Air Systems Command and a tour with the Program Executive Office in the Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command. Mr. Stevenson also served as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA, a major acquisition command assignment, Officer-in-Charge of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division detachment at White Sands Missile Range, NM, and commanded the Naval Reserve Officer Training Programs at Universities of Memphis and Mississippi.

Since retiring from the Navy in 1998, Mr. Stevenson has held four management positions in industry including Senior Program Manager for RBC, Inc. from October 1998 through July 1999 supporting the Maritime Surveillance Program Office and, subsequently, P-3 Project Engineering Manager and Customer Support (Integrated Logistics Support) Integrator for LM Aero supporting the P-3/S-3, C-27J, F-2, and T-50 programs. Mr. Stevenson was promoted to the position of P-3/S-3 Programs Director for LM Aero in May 2005.

Mr. Stevenson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from University of Missouri, a Master of Science and post-Masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Naval Postgraduate School and an MBA from National University. Mr. Stevenson is also a graduate of the Program Manager Course at Defense Systems Management College, National War College, the Executive Development Program at the Kellogg School of Business of Northwestern University, and the Executive Training Program at Darden Graduate School of Business of the University of Virginia.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12 – NROTC Reception Morehouse University- Board Meeting Follows
September 28 – Dinner Meeting Introducing 4 New Area Commanding Officers
October 10 – Board Meeting
October 14 - Navy Ball
November 14 – Board Meeting
December 12 – Board Meeting

**FORMER ATLANTA COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JUDGE JOEL M. FELDMAN TO RETIRE FROM FEDERAL
COURT OCTOBER 22, 2006**

Ceremony Scheduled for October 13th at 2PM

Former Atlanta Metro Council President Judge Joel M. Feldman has announced he will retire Oct. 22, 2006 after 32 years of service as a Federal Judge from the United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia. The Court is having a retirement ceremony Friday, Oct. 13, 2006 at 2:00 PM. followed by a reception. Judge Feldman invites interested Navy League members who wish to attend to contact him at 404-215-1375 and furnish him with their address so he can send an invitation. Those interested in attending only the retirement ceremony do not require an invitation as the Courtroom located at the U.S. Courthouse, 75 Spring Street Atlanta, GA 30303 is open to the public.

Judge Feldman currently serves the Metro Atlanta Council Board as Assistant Judge Advocate General. He became a Navy League and Metro Atlanta Council member when he joined the Naval Reserve in 1964 following his release from active duty as an Airman Third Class in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

He had a distinguished career as a Judge Advocate in the Naval Reserve from which he retired as a Captain on September 1, 1992. He also served as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Trial Judicial Activity and Naval Reserve Law Company 6-6.

The Judge has also served as President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association and NRA President of the seven state Eighth Region and President of the Atlanta Chapter of The Naval Order.

**FORMER NARS B ONE SQUADRON SEA CADET THOMAS
CANAVAN KILLED**

LTJG Richard Faber, NSCC Commanding Officer NARS B One Squadron informed those attending the Board meeting July 11 that Thomas Canavan a college student killed during a robbery outside a bowling lane in Dalton, GA July 7 was a former member of NARS B One.

The funeral was held at 2 Pm Tuesday July 11 at Eagles Landing First Baptist Church, McDonough, GA. Tommy and his parents were proud of his Sea Cadet experience according to LTJG Faber. Due to economic conditions, Tommy's parents have no funds for funeral expenses. A fund has been established to assist the family. Contributions made payable to the Thomas Canavan Fund should be sent to:

McIntosh State Bank, 210 South Oak Street, Jackson, GA30233.

Council President Harley T. Jones, speaking for all Atlanta Metropolitan Council members expressed sympathy to the Canavan family.

WARRIOR DIVISION REPRESENTS UNITED STATES AT INTERNATIONAL SEA CADET ASSOCIATION EXCHANGE TRIP IN ST PETERSBURG RUSSIA

By LTJG Laura McIntosh,
NSCC



On Thursday, July 20th, 2006, LTJG Laura McIntosh, NSCC , Commanding Officer (C) and Chief Petty Officer Mary Lewallen, NSCC (l) of the Warrior Division, Douglasville, Georgia departed for an International Sea Cadet Association Exchange Trip in Russia. They were joined by Petty Officer 2nd Class Crysta Culp, NSCC (r) from the Twin Cities Squadron in Minnesota. Both cadets had applied for this trip and were selected out of a group of over 50 cadets from around the country based on their accomplishments and participation in the Sea Cadet Program. The group flew from Atlanta to Frankfurt Germany and from Frankfurt on to St. Petersburg, Russia. LTJG McIntosh was selected by the National Sea Cadet Corps as the escort officer.



There they were joined by two (2) cadets from Sweden, six (6) cadets from Great Britain and two (2) cadets from Australia to make up the English speaking members of the International Exchange Delegation. There were approximately twenty (20) cadets from the Novgorod Young Sailors' Club, who hosted the Trip and six (6) cadets from Estonia. The group is pictured at the left.

Below CPO Lewallen and PO2 Culp pose with the Captain Inspector





The International Exchange Delegation spent twelve days on one of the Club’s training ships, the “Lord Novgorod the Great”. (Pictured left.) The ship is a Russian passenger ship which is serviced and run by the Club. The trip started off with a press conference with the Mayor of Velikiy Novgorod which included extensive media coverage.



this excursion, LTjg McIntosh and PO2 Culp were interviewed by a Russian television station. The remaining time encompassed traveling on Ladoga Lake, which is one of the largest lakes in Europe, the islands of Valaam and Pytsaari, the Svir River, the Volkhov River, Staraya (Old) Ladoga, Novaya (New) Ladoga, the Neva River and ended in Saint Petersburg.



The cadets participated in Flagship Competitions on the Islands and toured several cities and museums. The trip culminated with a tour of the Hermitage, the Russian Naval History Museum and the Aurora (a battleship). While on the training ship, the cadets experienced Russian cuisine and assisted with the maintenance of the ship. They served Watch Duty and various tasks. Every evening, each countries representatives presented information about their country’s history and traditions. (pictured left) On August 1st, the three Americans departed from Russia. It was a wonderful trip and both the cadets

had a memorable experience.



Cadets enjoy McDonalds in Russia



U.S and British Cadets



Cadets on tour



U.S delegation at sea

Navy Recruiting Update

Don Giles

In July 2006, Navy Recruiting active duty accession goal was met for the 60th consecutive month. For reserves, only 89% was attained. This is due in part due to higher retention of active duty members. Increased affiliation bonuses are beginning to have a positive impact on reserve recruiting.

Did you know that Navy and Marine Corps recruiting remains a very significant challenge, in large part because:

- 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.
- It takes 80-100 prospects to produce one Sailor in the Fleet.
- Influencers are less willing to recommend military service.

At the same time the bar continues to be raised on recruit quality standards. For FY06:

- Percentage of new recruits with college experience (12 hours or more of college) is up to 15% in FY06 compared to less than 6% four years ago.
- Goal requires attainment of at least 95% of recruits who are high school diploma graduates. DoD mandate is 90%.
- Goal requires at least 70% of recruits to score above 50 on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).

Navy's FY06 active component accession goal is 36,656. The reserve component accession goal is 11,180.

Please be mindful to refer qualified young men and women to your local Navy Recruiting Station. Priorities for 2006 include ratings skills vital to defeating terrorism, and improving representation of minorities and women in the Navy. Emphasize to potential recruit referrals that the Navy offers world-class training and education that gives sailors highly marketable skills and puts them on the fast track to a bright future. Sailors also have unmatched opportunity for personal growth, and rapid assignment to positions of responsibility and authority.

RSVP FOR THE NROTC RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 12

The Atlanta Metropolitan Council of the Navy League is sponsoring a program to mentor NROTC students and encourage non-scholarship students to pursue careers in the Navy and Marine Corps.

This year the event will be 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. Part of this program is to give students access to fleet experienced officers that have had successful careers, and discuss opportunities and rewards of a Navy or Marine Corps career.

The event brings Navy and Marine Corps officers together with students to build relationships, answer question about careers in the military, and share experiences related to their warfare specialties. Officers from every specialty and designator are welcome.

BRING YOUR SEA STORIES

When: September 12, 2006 1800-2000

Where: Morehouse College Leadership Development Center Corner of Welborn ST and West End Avenue across from Harvey Stadium. (parking available across the street)

Uniform: Summer White or equivalent

Cost: \$20

RSVP: Captain Pete Knoetgen, USNR (Ret) 770 644-8737 or knoetgenpm@inpo.org

RSVP Now For September 28 Dinner to Introduce Four New Metro Atlanta Commanding Officers

The September Dinner will introduce the four new commanding officers who have arrived during the summer and fall to command three Navy and one Marine Corps units. They are;

CAPT Terry Bragg, USN, Commanding Officer, Navy Ops Support Center
COL Doug Hardison, USMC, Commanding Officer, Marine Air Group 42
CAPT Wayne Radloff, USN, Commanding Officer NROTC Morehouse/Georgia Tech
CDR Gregg Lafarve, USN, Commanding Officer, Navy Recruiting District, Atlanta

Please join us in welcoming our guests. The Dinner will be held at Holiday Inn Select, 4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA Ph 770-296-0614. There will be a cash Bar at 6:30 followed by Dinner at 7. The menu includes salad, entree, dessert, and tea or coffee. A cash bar will be available. The price is \$30 per person. The Atlanta Metropolitan Council is billed for non-attendees who make reservations but do not cancel at least 48 hours in advance. Anyone in this category will be expected to pay the cost of the dinner(s) reserved.

Civilian dress: Business attire Military dress: Uniform of the Day

E-mail your reservation request to Clarke Franklin at clfranklin@mindspring.com. Phone 770 399-9417 if you don't have access to e-mail.

Checks for \$30.00 per person should be made out to "Atlanta Metropolitan Council, NLUS" and will be collected at the door. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY BUT NO LATER THAN 25 SEPTEMBER 2006. Spouses and guests are welcome.

Directions from I-285: **Going east on 285:** Take the Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd. exit 30; turn right and look for the Holiday Inn sign on the right. **Going west on 285:** Take exit 30 to Chamblee- Dunwoody Road. Turn left and look for the Holiday Inn sign on the right

Make Your Reservations For The NAVY BALL October 14

The NAVY BALL will be held 14 October at the Double Tree Hotel, 2055 South Park Place, Atlanta, GA. Contributions are needed for door prizes and to purchase seats for our junior sailors. These are tax deductible if donations are made out to Atlanta Metro Council NLUS as we are 501 (C) 3 tax exempt. If you cannot attend please consider sponsoring a sailor. President Harley Jones would appreciate your contacting your employers, business associates, and neighbors for donations. If it will help he can provide an appropriate letter on council letterhead.

The Ball commences with a cash bar reception at 6 pm followed by dinner at 6:45 pm. Navy League Vice President, Youth Activities, RADM Casey Coane, USNR (Ret) will speak. RADM Coane currently serves as National Executive Director, Naval Reserve Association in Washington, DC.

Tickets for Navy League Members are \$60 each. Dress is Black Tie or Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (if it still fits!) for men and civilian formal dress for women. Seats for deserving enlisted sailors are \$25 each. Send your check payable to Atlanta Metro Council NLUS to Harley Jones, 6490 Deep Valley Court, Flowery Branch, GA 30542-6635. Write 2006 Navy Ball at the bottom left of your check to insure a tax deduction.

A limited number of rooms are available at the Doubletree Hotel for \$79 for Navy Ball attendees only on a first come, first served basis. Call (770) 272-9441.

Director Stewart P. Horning Named Georgia Legionnaire of the Year



The award, first one ever given by the Department, was presented to Stew by Commander Bob Pollard at the American Legion Department of Georgia State Convention at Macon, Georgia on 24 June 06. Stew has been a member of the American Legion for 50 years and belongs to Post 1, Atlanta. The Commander thanked Stew for his many years of dedicated service as Department Finance Chairman.

REMINDER - THE NAVY BALL FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH

We are on the web! <http://atlanta.navyleague.us>

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