



Navy League of the United States Phoenix Council



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Council Newsletter

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Navy / Marine Corps JROTC Youth Awards

Congratulations to the following Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets on receiving the Theodore Roosevelt Navy League Youth Medal for the 2015-2016 school year. This year the Phoenix Council awarded 17 cadets from high schools all over the state of Arizona this prestigious award. The Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal consists of a medal, ribbon, certificate and pamphlet on President Roosevelt whose visage is on the medal. The medal was established to honor those young individuals who best exemplify Roosevelt's values of energy, spirit, competition and fair play.

Award presentations were made by Denise Tomlinson, *Youth Programs Director*, Bill Stevenson, *Area President*, and Steven Cain, *IT Director*.

Again congratulations to these cadets:

C/LCDR Deven Van Greuningen Sahuarita HS NJROTC Sahuarita, AZ	C/ENS Johnny Rodriguez Moon Valley HS NJROTC Phoenix, AZ	C/LCDR Kristian Voyten Independence HS NJROTC Glendale, AZ
C/1LT Vanessa Osuna Vista Grande HS MCJROTC Casa Grande, AZ	Cadet Isaac Smith Glendale HS NJROTC Glendale, AZ	Cadet John Pinder Tolleson HS MCJROTC Tolleson, AZ
C/1LT Seryna Johnson Casa Grande HS MCJROTC Casa Grande, AZ	Cadet Eli Petrovich Cienega HS NJROTC Vail, AZ	C/LTJG Roscoe Gillam Thunderbird HS NJROTC Phoenix, AZ
C/GySgt Charly Romero Ray HS MCJROTC Kierny, AZ	C/SA Timothy Shriver Apache Junction HS NJROTC Apache Junction, AZ	C/GySgt Angel Ortiz Coolidge HS MCJROTC Coolidge, AZ
C/LTJG Garrett Bell Greenway HS NJROTC Phoenix, AZ	C/PO1 Ana K Guillen-Torres Cortez HS NJROTC Phoenix, AZ	C/LTJG Bruce Whitlock Apollo HS NJROTC Glendale, AZ
Cadet Serrina Cabrera Jaramillo Westview HS MCJROTC Avondale, AZ		C/SGT Kalilah Davis Tuba City HS MCJROTC Tuba City, AZ

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pedal Haus Poker Run
Sunday, Oct 9th

Navy Ball
Saturday, Oct 8th

This is Ray High School's final year hosting a Marine Corps JROTC unit. Senior Marine Instructor MSgt Freddie Jordan will be retiring after many years heading the unit. Ray High School has hosted the JROTC unit since 1973. We appreciate Ray High School and MSgt Jordan's dedication to teaching leadership to our youth! Semper Fidelis!



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President's Message

It's been a very busy and productive time for the Phoenix Council over the last few months. We traveled the state, as we visited various High Schools and handed out awards at JROTC Ceremonies, and attended the first ever awards ceremony for the Sea Eagle Squadron of the Sea Cadets in Yuma. We traveled across the country, as we attended the Pacific Southwest Regional meeting in San Diego, and as 5 Directors from the Phoenix Council attended the National Convention in Charleston, SC (and won an award for bringing in the most new members over a specified time period!). We attended the NROTC Commissioning Ceremony at ASU. We met with Dean "Doc" Hagar of the Yuma Council as we partner in the restoration of the historic model of the USS Arizona that's headed to Hawaii for the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor! We're excited about fundraising opportunities we're exploring, and continuing to look for ways to support the various Sea Cadet Squadrons around the Valley.

It's a very important and interesting time in our country as we head towards elections in November. We continue to support the national "America's Strength" program supporting increased funding for the Sea Services. It's so important to get the word out to the citizens of this nation about the importance of protecting sea lanes around the world. I'm honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Council with men and women who are dedicated to the mission of the Navy League of the United States. We have some exciting things coming up, and we look forward to your participation as we move forward.

Jake McManus**President – Phoenix Council****Navy League of the United States**

Navy League National Convention in Charleston June 2016

The Navy League of the United States held their National meeting in Charleston, South Carolina in June. Being from Phoenix, I was looking forward to getting out of the Arizona heat and heading to cooler weather. Once I arrived, the American Airlines Captain informed us that the outside temperature was 93 degrees but with humidity it feels like 115. Yep, welcome to Charleston in the summertime! The National Meeting was the best that I have attended so far. Our National President, Skip Witunski has moved the Navy League in a new and positive direction. We welcomed aboard our new National Executive Director, Cari Thomas who until July 1st served in the United States Coast Guard with the rank of Two Star Admiral. The Phoenix crew made a huge impact on this year's convention. Joan Mitchell, our Pacific Southwest Regional President and National President Skip Wintunski opened the Presidential Suite and hosted the Pacific Southwest Region to a Cocktail reception on Friday night, which was enjoyed by all!

On Saturday, the National Board of Directors met and approved the Officers and National Directors for 2016/2017. Arizona is well represented with eight Members: Walt Natzic, Bill Stevenson, Ron Fried, Doug Fulton, Micah Kinsler, Jake McManus, and Julian Wright, all from the Phoenix area as well as Dean Hager from Yuma. The Arizona team made such an impact that I received many comments stating that Arizona energized the convention and made it a successful event. I am proud of our local Members for being so involved and impacting the Navy League in such a positive way!

Bill Stevenson**Area President – Arizona****Navy League of the United States**

Pedal Haus Poker Run



Pedal Haus Brewery Proudly Presents the *Pedal Haus Poker Run*

We are very excited to announce the inaugural *Pedal Haus Poker Run* benefitting the Navy League to be held on Sunday, October 9th, 2016. This action packed event will challenge participants to put together the best five card poker hand with the top three best hands winning great prizes including \$1,000 cash to the winning team.

In order to acquire poker cards, each member of the five member team will have to cruise from basecamp to a remote retrieval point along the beautiful Continental Golf course located in Scottsdale, Arizona. There they will receive one card per person to put towards their final poker hand. Participants will also have the opportunity to buy additional cards or participate in challenges to obtain additional cards and thus improve their hand.

Pedal Haus Brewery will be creating custom beach cruisers, which will be provided to each team that purchases the premium package (\$1,000 per five person team). The teams get to keep the bike as part of their donation. In addition to the custom Pedal Haus beach cruiser, each team will receive five event branded tee shirts, a tent and seating, free premium food (provided by Shamrock Foods and prepared by Pedal Haus staff), open bar featuring Pedal Haus beer and sponsored spirits, and a membership to the Navy League. We intend to sell ten premium packages for a total of 50 participants.

As an alternative to the premium package, we will also be offering a standard package for \$250 for a five member team. This package will include entry into the event, a Navy League membership, five branded tee-shirts, a chance to win the same great prizes, and two free Pedal Haus brews per person. We will be working with a bike rental company to provide bikes to these participants or they may ride their own bikes.

In addition to the ride to acquire poker cards we will be setting up a target on the golf course driving range. For \$10 participants can take three shots to attempt to hit the target. If they hit the target they receive an additional playing card. We will also have a dunk tank where participants will get three chances to not only dunk someone in ice cold water but receive an additional playing card.

In addition to the fun activities listed above we will be raffling off some great prizes including a weekend stay at the **Scottsdale Resort** (value \$875), a custom Pedal Haus beach cruiser, and loads of gift certificates.

To entertain folks we will have a DJ and lots of food and beverages. The event will go from 11am to 4pm and we hope to raise \$10,000 to benefit the fine sailors of the United States Navy.

To register for the event or for more information please contact: Wendy Munn at wlmunn@srpnet.com or 602-236-2886.

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Arizona State Veterans Home



With the news over the last 2 years, especially in Phoenix, everyone is aware of the VA (Veterans Administration). But how many of you know that there is also a Veterans Home here in Arizona run by the state? The Arizona State Veterans Home is located just behind the VA Hospital and houses 150 veterans.

About a year ago I was invited to join a friend down at the Veterans Home to assist in the "Garden Club" - a group that meets twice a month on Saturdays that assists veterans with 8 raised garden beds behind the home. The veterans do all the planting, weeding, harvesting and such with help from volunteers. Most of them just need help pushing their wheelchairs where they need/want to go. This spring's late harvest produced so many tomatoes that we made BLT's for all who came out that day.

Veterans have the ability to go out to the garden daily as long as they have a flag on their wheelchair. The flag signifies that they are "independent" and can go pretty much wherever they'd like. Those without flags are only able to go where volunteers might push them.

Along with Garden Club, there are many other activities that the Rec Staff (Recreational Therapy) provides with the help of volunteers. There are church services, BINGO, Sing Alongs, Card/Game Nights, Poker, Karaoke, Painting, Movie Night, Concerts, Ice Cream Socials and Variety Shows just to name a few.

If you are looking for a rewarding experience and to spend some time with veterans and hear some amazing stories, I suggest that you volunteer. It's fairly easy - just attend an orientation and get your fingerprint card. Then you too can experience some of the most rewarding time you can with a veteran.

Thank you to those who have served and thank you to those who help take care of them. Have a blessed day!

Denise Tomlinson
Youth Programs Director/Board Member - Phoenix Council

ASU NROTC Spring 2016 Commissioning Ceremony



The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) battalion at Arizona State University held its 2016 Spring Commissioning Ceremony on May 11 on ASU'S main campus. Captain Philip Roos, Commanding Officer of the battalion, presided over the ceremony.

Capt. Roos was joined by a very special guest speaker, past Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Vernon E. Clark. Admiral Clark gave a stirring talk to the Class of 2016, applauding their efforts and challenging them to make the most of their life of service that lay ahead. He reminded them of the dangerous world in which we live and wished them God Speed as their journey may lead them in to harm's way. Admiral Clark then issued the Oath of Office to the new commissioned officers.

The NROTC battalion at ASU was activated in August of 2010. As stated on their website, "The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Program was established to educate and train young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the Navy or Marine Corps. As the largest single source of Navy and Marine Corps officers, the NROTC Program fills a vital need in preparing mature, young men and women for leadership and management positions in an increasingly technical Navy and Marine Corps. NROTC commissions Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants into the following communities:

- Aviation
- Surface Warfare
- Submarine Warfare
- Special Warfare
- Navy SEAL and Explosive Ordnance Disposal"

We thank Captain Roos for his invitation to the Commissioning Ceremony. I was impressed by the character of the young men and women graduates, and couldn't help but be moved as I watched them advance on their journey of service to our country. With the many challenges facing this nation, I'm excited to see what fine young officers the NROTC produces.

Jake McManus
Phoenix Council President



Have You Seen Us?



Area President Bill Stevenson, National President Skip Witunski, and Phoenix Council President Jake McManus at the 2016 National Convention in June.



Cadet SIRRINA Cabrera Jaramillo of Westview High School MCJROTC in Avondale, Arizona, accepts the Theodore Roosevelt youth award at the unit's awards ceremony on April 22nd. The presenter was Steven Cain.



Steven Cain presents the Theodore Roosevelt youth award to Cadet Charly Romero at Ray High School's final MCJROTC awards ceremony on April 21st in Kearny, Arizona.



Cadets from Ray High School Marine Corps JROTC, in Kearny, Arizona, stand at attention during their final awards ceremony.



Staff and instructors for Westview High School MCJROTC at the April 22nd awards ceremony. Instructors are CPT Francisco Cardoza and MSgt Peter Washington.



Company staff conducting awards ceremony for Westview High School MCJROTC on April 22nd.



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Presenting of the Colors to start the Westview High School MCJROTC unit's awards ceremony on April 22nd.



Admiral Vernon E. Clark addresses the ASU NROTC Class of 2016 with Commanding Officer Captain Philip Roos.

* Photos of Westview High School MCJROTC courtesy of instructors and staff
 * Photos of Ray High School MCJROTC courtesy of instructors and staff
 * Photo from National Convention courtesy of Bill Stevenson

Navy League of the United States

Mission Statement

A civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that it's national defense and economic wellbeing are dependent upon strong sea services:

- US Navy*
- US Marine Corps*
- US Coast Guard*
- US Merchant Marine*

Navy League Goals

1. *Educate national leaders*
2. *Support the men and women of the sea services.*
3. *Provide assistance to the sea service families.*
4. *Support the youth program.*



*Investing in the
Navy-Marine Corps Team*

Supporting America's **STRENGTH** Initiatives

We all joined the Navy League because we care deeply about the sea services. As members, we know our membership funds go towards educating and advocating for better training, resources, and services for the men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. But if you are looking to get more involved and do even more to help, the Navy League has a role for you!

You can be one of the advocates the sea services depend on. The Navy League is supporting a crucial new campaign, America's Strength, to raise the Navy's funding in FY2017 because the Navy and Marine Corps are overextended and underfunded. There are new issues facing the sea services every day: a lack of funds for pilot training, a need for new ships, extended deployments, gaps in carrier presence. You can keep up and speak out on all these issues and help the campaign from the Navy League website. From the homepage, choose the "Write Congress" from the Legislative Affairs dropdown menu, and you will be taken to a new webpage. The slider menu will show a number of different topics—choose one issue. Enter in your name and address, and a pre-written letter will be loaded, ready to send to your Member of Congress and your Senators. You can edit the letters as much as you like to add a local and personal touch. Hit send when you are ready, and it will land in the appropriate staffer's inbox. Take it an extra step and post about the campaign to your Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn account--your friends will see it and can send their own letters through our system!

Want to go a step further in your work for the sea services? Talk to your Region Vice President for Legislative Affairs about training to become a briefer, and brief your Member of Congress on the issues you care about. Because you are a constituent and a Navy League member, Congressmen and Senators care about what you have to say. It's easy: the Navy League will provide all the training, handouts, and information you need, and can help you set the appointment and give you any last minute information you may need. But the Navy League needs you to carry the message.

Whether you choose to write a letter or visit your Member of Congress, you've made a difference. Citizen advocates, like the Navy League, play a crucial role in speaking up for our sea services—they are prohibited from doing so themselves, and need you to speak up for them! In a time of expanding missions and shrinking budgets, the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S. Merchant Marine need us to fight for every last dollar in training and equipment. Make your voice heard today!




AS THE CHINESE AND RUSSIAN NAVIES GROW, CAN WE AFFORD TO LET OURS SHRINK?

**Being a superpower isn't just about national pride.
Our security depends on a strong and modern U.S. Navy.**

After 13 years of war and a decade of insufficient funding for the growing number of missions requiring sea and aircraft-based power, our Navy needs new ships and significant maintenance. The plans are in place, but the funding isn't. Tell Congress we can't wait any longer for a next-generation Navy.

DON'T LET THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS TEAM BE CUT SHORT.

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Membership

New memberships and prompt renewals are critical to Navy League operations. Our members support national and international operations of the U.S. Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Maritime forces, in addition, keeping a sharp focus on our economic interest of world-wide shipping lanes open and secure, along with thirty three (33) trusted global navies. The Navy League of the United States is reaching out in its efforts to expand membership internationally in support of America's partners and our common interests. In this regard, our local Phoenix

Council is also reaching out to expand its local membership; inclusive of neighboring communities. Come join us to help educate on these matters, and to keep and build an even stronger sea services, making America and its leadership in the world even stronger.

The Navy League's world-wide interests are in support of our US Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Maritime forces. We are improving Americas Strength by working with our legislative representatives in Washington to pass legislation in support of

acquisitions for military ships, submarines, airplanes and support equipment. On a local basis, we are reaching out to our Phoenix based communities for new members to help reinforce our strength. Our membership guidelines have changed and we offer very affordable member rates along with an online monthly edition of our Seapower Magazine and our Annual Almanac.

Annual Renewable Memberships

- 1 Year electronic \$25 (Monthly Edition of SEAPOWER and Annual Almanac)
- 1-Year Premium - \$55
- 2-Year Premium - \$100
- 3-Year Premium - \$130
- 4-Year Premium - \$180
- 5-Year Premium - \$225

Lifetime Memberships

- Under Age 55 -\$1,000
- Between 56 and 75 - \$750
- Age 76 and older - \$500

Easy Sign up for New and Renewable Memberships:
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HELP US BUILD OUR MEMBERSHIP

Use the form below and sign up as a new member. Bring it and your new member to our next council meeting, or mail the form, together with the fee (check or money order payable to NLUS) to **Phoenix Council**, PO Box 5195, Scottsdale, AZ 85261. Or visit the link above! The new member will immediately be added to our mailing list.

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- 1 Year Electronic Membership \$25
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- 2-Year Premium Membership \$100 (Save \$10)
- 3-Year Premium Membership \$130 (Save \$35)
- 4-Year Premium Membership \$180 (Save \$40)
- 5-Year Premium Membership \$225 (Save \$50)
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