



Navy League of the United States Phoenix Council



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Upcoming US Navy Commissionings:

- USS John Finn (DDG 113) – Jul 15
- USS Gerald R Ford (CVN 78) – Jul 22
- USS Raphael Peralta (DDG 115) – Jul 29
- USS Little Rock (LCS 9) – Fall 2017
- USS Colorado (SSN 788) – Fall 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Pedal Haus Poker Run
Oct 2017
- Navy Ball
Saturday, Oct 14th

Summer 2017

Council Newsletter

RADM Yancey Lindsey Change of Command



Members of the NLUS Phoenix Council had the honor of attending Change of Command Ceremonies for Rear Admiral Yancey B. Lyndsey over the past few months, taking place in Washington, DC and San Diego, CA. Members of the Phoenix Council had the opportunity to meet Admiral Lyndsey in March, when he was the host of Navy Week Phoenix, at a reception held in his honor by the Council. The change of command ceremony is a time honored

tradition with its roots dating back hundreds of years, a product of the rich heritage of Naval tradition. The heart of the ceremony is the formal reading of the official orders of the officer being relieved and the relieving officer. Normally, the uniform is full dress with swords for participants and service dress for military guests. The ceremony is formal and impressive, beautifully displaying the heroic traditions and dignified ceremonies for which the United States Navy is well known. The first Change of Command Ceremony for Rear Admiral Lyndsey took place in August at the Washington Navy Yard, DC. The Washington Navy Yard was established in 1799 and is the oldest shore establishment of the U.S. Navy. The yard serves as a ceremonial and administrative center, and is home to the Chief of Naval Operations, as well as the Naval Sea Systems Command, the Naval Historical Center, and the Department of Naval History.



Rear Admiral Lyndsey was relieved as Commandant of the Navy Yard by Rear Admiral Charles W. Rock in a ceremony marked by canon fire salutes and glorious renderings from the United States Navy Band. The Arizona flag was prominently displayed at the ceremony as Admiral Lyndsey is a native of Phoenix. I was honored to be seated in the front row of the ceremony, and mentioned in Rear Admiral Lyndsey's remarks. The pomp and circumstance,

the splendid display of patriotism and the historic setting of the ceremony made this an experience I will forever value.

In September, Bill Stevenson (NLUS Area President – Arizona) and I attended the Change of Command Ceremony for Rear Admiral Lyndsey as he relieved Rear Admiral Markham K. Rich as Commander of Navy Region Southwest. The ceremony was held aboard the USS Midway Museum in San Diego, a beautiful setting for this distinguished ceremony. Navy Region Southwest is the Naval shore installation management headquarters for the Southwest region (California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico). The Command also serves as the regional coordinator for the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Bill and I were both honored to be mentioned by Rear Admiral Lyndsey in his remarks, as he also thanked the Navy League for our continual support. It was an honor and a privilege to represent the Phoenix Council at the Change of Command Ceremonies, and we wish Rear Admiral Lyndsey God Speed in his new Command!

- Jake McManus, President, Phoenix Council, Navy League of the United States



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The Phoenix Council has been involved in a wide variety of activities over the past few months, as we continue to reach out and explore ways to educate the public about our Sea Services and the mission of the Navy League.

We had the great honor of attending two Change of Command ceremonies since August, and a retirement ceremony November 23rd on the USS Carl Vinson. In October, we held the first Pedal Haus Poker Run, a very successful fundraiser, which brought three generations of Navy Leaguers together in a patriotic, festive atmosphere. We supported three Sea Cadet Units as they made the trip to Pearl Harbor for the 75th anniversary ceremonies on December 7th, along with the newly restored model of the USS Arizona. Members of our board who are involved in Legislative affairs recently met with Congresswoman Martha McSally to discuss national defense as it pertains to the sea services, and five Phoenix Council members went to Baltimore for the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. We attended Desert Outing 2017 at NAF El Centro and enjoyed time with our friends at the Imperial Valley Council. Most recently, we made a strong showing at the National Convention in Milwaukee.

We've elected a new President, both of the United States of America and of the Navy League of the United States. With new leadership, there is often a period of adjustment. The newly elected President of the Navy League, Alan Kaplan, is a very strong and capable leader – a man of great integrity. In his acceptance speech, President Kaplan talked of the need to work together, to stay focused on our mission as members of the Navy League. We encourage members to stay involved, to continue sharing the message that it's vital to our nation to protect sea lanes around the world, to support our sailors and their families, and to support our Sea Cadets in their mission. All of us, together, can make a difference by sharing this message. Thank you for your support as we move forward. – *Jake McManus, President, Phoenix Council, Navy League of the United States*

Navy League National Convention in Milwaukee June 2017

The National Convention wrapped up June 24th, and your Phoenix Council made a very strong showing with 6 members attending. Bill Stevenson has been elected as a National-Vice President, Doug Fulton has been appointed as a Special Advisor for Business Strategy to the National President, and several members of the Phoenix Council will serve on the Executive Committee. It was a very informative and successful Convention, and the host city of Milwaukee did a wonderful job.

The election for National President was hotly contested. Alan Kaplan was elected, with strong support from our council. We congratulate Mr. Kaplan, and are excited to support him as he leads us to continued growth and expansion. He is vibrant, intelligent and personable – just what we need in a leader to move us forward along the path past President Skip Witunski has set. We thank Mr. Witunski (a.k.a Killshot) for his strong, effective leadership over the past two years – he was exactly the man we needed to get the ship righted and headed on the proper course. We are grateful for his service.

– *Jake McManus*



The Navy League would like to welcome aboard new National Officers elected at the National Convention on June 24, 2017 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The new management team are: (front row L to R) National Vice-President Pauline Bozdech-Veater, National Secretary Pam Ammerman, National President Alan Kaplan, National Treasurer Lisa Gallinat, National Vice-President Eleanor Samuels, (2nd row L to R) National Vice-President Jonathan Kaskin, National Vice-President William Stevenson, National Vice-President Pat Du Mont, National Vice-President Joseph Giambrone, (back row L to R) National Vice-President Tom Pruter, National Vice-President Daniel Thys, Past National President Skip Witunski, National Vice-President David Reilly, US Naval Sea Cadets Chairman John Alger. (Not pictured: National Judge Advocate Don Mooers)



Ex-USS Phoenix (SSN-702) welcomed home to Phoenix



In a re-christening and welcoming ceremony held on September 20th, 2016, held by the USS Phoenix Cold War Monument foundation at the Arizona National Guard Armory facility at Papago Park in Phoenix, the sail, dive planes and rudder from the former USS Phoenix (SSN-702), a Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine, was welcomed home to Phoenix.

The submarine is currently being scrapped by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. The US Navy donated the sail, dive planes and rudder to the USS Phoenix Cold War Monument currently being planned for installation in the city of Phoenix's Steel Indian School Park near the Arizona State Veteran's Home in downtown Phoenix. Colt Transportation

provided the trucks and drivers to transport the parts from Washington to Phoenix.

As part of the ceremony, Amy Rhodes Marshall, the granddaughter of the ship's original sponsor Betty Rhodes, re-christened the sail by smashing a bottle of champagne over the top half of the ship's sail.

The USS Phoenix was launched in 1979, by General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut, and commissioned in 1981 with Captain William C Rothert in command. She served for seventeen years as part of the Atlantic Fleet, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, until she was decommissioned in 1998. She was almost 362 feet long, 33 feet wide, and was crewed by 12 officers and 98 enlisted crew members. She had four torpedo tubes and carried Mark 48 torpedoes, Tomahawk cruise missiles, and able to deploy MK60 and MK67 SLMM mines.

If you'd like to donate to the future USS Phoenix Cold War Monument, visit <http://www.ussphoenixmonument.org>.

Time for a new USS Phoenix?



It has been 18 years since the US Navy has had a ship named Phoenix in our fleet.

In addition to the submarine, there have been four other ships named USS Phoenix that served our country. Two were named after the mythical bird. The other three were named after the City of Phoenix, Arizona. The fourth ship was a Brooklyn-class light cruiser that served from 1938-1946, then served the Argentine Navy as the ARA General Belgrano. She was sunk in Falklands War by British submarine with a loss of 323 lives.

With the Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus' current run of naming as many ships as he can before leaving office in January, maybe we should start propositioning Congress and the Secretary of the Navy with our request to have a new ship named USS Phoenix in our fleet.

You can certainly help by sending letters, emails, etc. to your congressmen, senators, and to the Secretary of the Navy. If we show how much we want Phoenix represented in our Navy we just might get a response and our council just may be able to sponsor a new state of the art warship once again!

USNA Women's Glee Club Performs in Scottsdale



As you may know by now, the United States Naval Academy Women's Glee Club made another tour of Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona in early March, 2017. Over the last several years, the Women's Glee Club trades off every couple of years with the Men's Glee Club. As Federal budgets have become more strained, the budgets at the Naval Academy are reduced and one of the areas that suffers is the Music Program at the Naval Academy. Therefore, the Women's Glee Club is finding much of their support from private individuals, corporations and Foundations. The trip to Phoenix was greatly enhanced due to the efforts of the Phoenix Council of the Navy League. Initially the Midshipmen were going to stay in homes of alumni and friends to save money, then as circumstances changed, they later decided to stay in a hotel. Thanks to the efforts of Bill Stevenson, he was able to find them rooms at the government rate in the month of March just a short time before they arrived. March is one of the most challenging times to find rooms in Arizona because of the many activities in the Greater Phoenix area. Then after finding rooms, the Navy League help to support buying them breakfast each morning. Additionally the Navy League help to support a dinner at Valley Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening, March 11th, which was served to them about two hours prior to their performance. They were served an excellent dinner with flowers and music during dinner, and the club was very grateful for this exceptional dinner. The performances were very well attended both at Valley Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 11th, and at All Saints Episcopal Church on Monday, March 13th. The Choir presented a flag to the Phoenix Council that had flown over Bancroft Hall at the Naval Academy. We look forward to seeing the Men's Glee Club in a couple of years. In the meantime, the Glee clubs attend various high schools in Phoenix and in Tucson to show off their skills and to attract young men and women to the Naval Academy. Of the 50 women who sing in the Women's Glee Club, about 14 of them are seniors who are about to graduate in about eight weeks. Upon graduation, they will be commissioned in the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. Needless to say, these men and women deserve our support, and they in turn will be on active duty supporting out missions around the world. – *Bob Turpin*



The Phoenix Council of the Navy League and Pedal Haus Brewery Proudly Presented the *Pedal Haus Poker Run*

We were very excited to announce the inaugural *Pedal Haus Poker Run* benefitting the Navy League which was held on Sunday, October 9th, 2016. This action packed event challenged participants to put together the best five card poker hand with the top twelve 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 had to cruise from basecamp to a remote retrieval point along the beautiful Continental Golf course located in Scottsdale, Arizona. There they received one card per person to put towards their final poker hand. Participants also had the opportunity to buy additional cards or participate in challenges to obtain additional cards and thus improve their hand.

Pedal Haus Brewery created custom beach cruisers, which were 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 received 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 sold ten premium packages for a total of 50 participants.

As an alternative to the premium package, we also be offered a standard package for \$250 for a five member team. This package included 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 want to thank Pedego Electric Bikes Company who provided bikes to these participants. Other participants brought their own bikes to ride.

In addition to the ride to acquire poker cards we set up a target on the golf course driving range. For \$10 participants took three shots to attempt to hit the target. If they hit the target they receive an additional playing card. We also had a dunk tank where Doug Fulton and Julian Wright were the two most dunked. Participants got 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 raffled 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 had a DJ and lots of food and beverages. The event went from 11am to 4pm and we raised \$10,000 to benefit our fine Sea Services of the United States and the mission of the Navy League. We look forward to seeing you at the Second Annual Pedal Haus Poker Run 2017 coming soon! - *Bill Stevenson*



Phoenix Council attends Desert Outing 2017



Naval Air Facility El Centro, California -- Admiral (Ret) Cari Batson Thomas, Bill Stevenson, Jeff Nadreau (co-pilot), Ron Fried and Doug Fulton (pilot) departed from Chandler Arizona's Stellar Airpark aboard a Bell 407 Helicopter at 1430 on Friday February 24th. The group sped toward the Imperial Valley Airport in El Centro California to rendezvous with our friends from the Imperial Valley Council. Traveling at 150 MPH +/- we arrived at the El Centro airport in 1 hour and 38 minutes. The flight was pleasant and rather uneventful other than the spotting of an airborne V-22 Osprey in our flight path 5 miles west of our intended destination, fortunately the huge bird veered north and we continued on our way. It was a rather an ominous sight to see, the dust storm created from its rotor downwash over the dirt airstrip.

What a treat to see this magnificent aircraft transition from forward flight to a hover right before our eyes. That evening we were treated to the Imperial Council Desert Outing's famous T-bone steak dinner. You don't really get the breadth of meaning why they call this dinner "famous" until you feast your eyes on the massive piece of "cooked to order" bovine that causes a large dinner plate to disappear beneath it. Needless to say... no one left hungry that evening. Lisa and Tom Gallinat from the Imperial Valley Council were our gracious hosts for the evening, we enjoyed guest speakers from the Blue Angels, a silent auction was held, raffle tickets were sold, and a great time was had by all. It was a great honor to break bread and mingle with The Blue Angels who were all in attendance as well as a multitude of Navy League Council representatives from across the country.

Saturday morning at 0700 we had breakfast served on the Flight Line as we witnessed the Blue Angels perform flawlessly, their choreographed dance in the sky. The commitment and precision flying skills of these airmen is truly amazing. I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to attend this incredible event to write the check, pack your bags, and put it on your calendar so you can't miss it.

The Phoenix Navy League would like to thank Tom and Lisa Gallinat of the Imperial Valley Council as well as all who were involved with coordinating and executing this extraordinary event.

Hope to see you next year. – *Doug Fulton*

Youth Programs – Navy and Marine Corps JROTC Year-end Awards

Members of the Phoenix Council again had the privilege of presenting Theodore Roosevelt Youth Awards to deserving cadets this Spring. The recipients were:

- Cadet **Vivian Nunez**, *Vista Grande High School MCJROTC, Casa Grande, AZ*
- Cadet **Kaitlyn Cazarez**, *Glendale High School NJROTC, Glendale, AZ*
- Cadet **Nathan Morrison**, *Greenway High School NJROTC, Phoenix, AZ*
- Cadet **Jeffery Spahn**, *Moon Valley High School NJROTC, Phoenix, AZ*
- Cadet **Marriah Schultz**, *Westview High School MCJROTC, Avondale, AZ*
- Cadet **Tiernan Larkin**, *Casa Grande High School MCJROTC, Casa Grande, AZ*
- Cadet **Regina Gulli**, *Cienega High School NJROTC, Vail, AZ*
- Cadet **Tristan Thomas**, *Sahuarita High School NJROTC, Sahuarita, AZ*
- Cadet **Edlyn Terrazas**, *Tolleson High School MCROTC, Tolleson, AZ*
- Cadet **Joshua Wood**, *Apache Junction High School NJROTC, Apache Junction, AZ*
- Cadet **Jason Tebaqui Sanchez**, *Cortez High School NJROTC, Phoenix, AZ*
- Cadet **Melissa Herrera**, *Independence High School NJROTC, Phoenix, AZ*
- Cadet **Juilo Solis**, *Thunderbird High School NJROTC, Phoenix, AZ*
- Cadet **Maggie Freeman**, *Coolidge High School MCJROTC, Phoenix, AZ*
- Cadet **Dynnika Tso**, *Tuba City High School MCJROTC, Tuba City, AZ*
- Cadet **Sierra Espinoza**, *Apollo High School NJROTC, Glendale, AZ*

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!





THERE'S NO PAUSE IN THE ACTION HERE. WHY SO SLOW WITH FUNDING?

Due to a lack of replacements, U.S. Navy aircraft that were designed to fly 6,000 hours are now expected to fly 10,000 hours.

After 13 years of war and a decade of insufficient funding for a growing number of missions requiring air power from the sea, our Navy needs new aircraft 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.

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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 national strength. Our membership guidelines have changed and we offer very affordable member rates along with a monthly edition of our **Sea Power Magazine** and our **Annual Almanac**.

For a quick opportunity to view and explore our membership options, including benefits, and to sign-up or renew your membership, click on this link:
<https://navyleague.org/membership>. This link will take you to the Navy League National site, which retains the latest official data and information for Navy League membership forms and instructions. Should you need personal assistance, the above link includes information on how to access this support as well many options.

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