



Upcoming Events

June

- 6 Council T-Bone Dinner
NAF El Centro Mirage Club
Social 6:30 pm | Program 7:00 pm
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 Flag Retirement Ceremony
El Centro Bucklin Park | 7:00 pm
- 20 Navy League National Convention
Milwaukee, WI

July

- 4 Independence Day
No Meeting Sea Cadet Fundraiser

August

- 1 No Meeting Sea Cadet Fundraiser
- 11 USCG PETREL Summer BBQ and
Cruise | 10:00 am
San Diego, CA

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Developing the right workforce through education and training

The mission of the Navy's Education and Training Command is to transform civilians into highly skilled, combat-ready warfighters, and enable their career-long growth and development.

Our March Speaker, Force Master Chief Mamudu Karim Cole, will tell us more about how the Navy utilizes the skills of its Sailors to form the foundation for their combat readiness. The Navy's mission is to invest in their learning and development which increases their mission readiness and strengths our nation.

Combat-ready naval forces capable of winning our Nation's wars, deterring aggression, preserving freedom of the seas, promoting peace and security and, operating successfully in a joint and combined environment rely upon, to an unprecedented degree, the critical thinking skills, technical and cultural competencies, and professional knowledge of the Navy's personnel. Training and education are essential and complementary elements that attract, develop, and retain the force of professionals as well as provide ready Sailors and civilians who are "diverse in experience, background and ideas."

Master Chief Cole is a native of Freetown, Sierra Leone. In 1990 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and attended basic training in San Diego, followed by Hospital Corpsman "A" school at Naval Medical Training Center, San Diego. He next attended "C" School at the Naval Aerospace Medicine Institute in Pensacola, Fla. prior to reporting to Marine Aircraft Group 13 in Yuma, Arizona. During this tour, Cole completed three Western Pacific deployments with Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 311 and VMA-513 onboard USS Belleauwood (LHA-3) and USS Essex (LHD-2). Cole also served with Marine Aircraft Group 26 in Jacksonville, North Carolina as the senior medical representative for Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 261 and 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (22nd MEU). During this tour, he deployed onboard USS Kearsarge (LHD-3) in support of Operation Noble Obelisk in Sierra Leone. In 1998 he reported to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) in Iwakuni, Japan and deployed with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 (VMFA-212) in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

Taking his fleet experience back to the schoolhouse, he next served as the senior instructor for the Aerospace Medicine "C" school.

In 2005 Cole reported to the Pre-Commissioning Detachment Green Bay (LPD-20) as the Leading Chief for the Health Services Department. In 2007 he was selected to the Command Senior Chief program (CMDCS) and served his remaining tour on Green Bay as the CMDCS. Other fleet assignments include serving as the Command Master Chief of USS Thach (FFG-43) completing two Western Pacific deployments, and as the Regional Command Master Chief U.S. Naval Forces Korea and Commander Task Force (CTF) 78.

He returned to Pensacola in 2012 as Command Master Chief of the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron – Blue Angels.

Cole is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 119), CMC/COB Capstone Course (Class 50), the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 58), and the National Defense University Keystone Course. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Austin Peay State University, a Master of Health Care from Webster University, and is currently a PhD candidate in organizational leadership at Northcentral University.

Master Chief Cole assumed his current assignment as the Naval Education and Training Command Force Master Chief in March 2016.



*Force Master Chief Mamudu K. Cole, USN
Naval Education and Training Command*

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Council to Receive Recognition Award

Outstanding Council Award to be Presented at National Convention in June

We were notified last week by Navy League National Headquarters that Imperial Valley Council is one of 10 councils selected out of 228 councils world-wide that has been bestowed "Outstanding" status for its work in 2016. We're in good company with Camden-Kings Bay, Honolulu, Atlanta Metropolitan, Placer County, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula, Oak Harbor, Broward County, San Diego and Savannah.

Ten other councils were notified of achieving "Meritorious" award status, which included Hampton Roads, New Mexico, Phoenix, Seattle, Denver, Glenview, Greater Austin, Key West, Saint Augustine-Palm Coast, and Fort Lauderdale. The Tampa, National Capital, Tacoma, Jacksonville, Charleston and Sasebo councils each will receive an "Honorable Mention" award.

The Navy League's standards for receiving "Outstanding" status is extremely high. The commendation recognizes the many hours of volunteer work the Council commits to its mission for supported programs, outreach, community service and its membership retention.

President Ted will attend the National convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to accept the award on the council's behalf. This award is recognition of each of our members who selflessly volunteer their time and talents to ensure we carry out the mission of our given charter.

Chief of Naval Research Issues Challenge for Innovation, Future Force

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Chief of Naval Research (CNR) has issued a historic call for innovative ideas to support the Navy and Marine Corps of the future, the Office of Naval Research (ONR) said in a May 31 release.

Leap-ahead technologies and cutting-edge concepts are the focus of the new CNR Concept Challenge, with finalists to be announced at the Naval Future Force S&T Expo at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington July 20-21. The Expo is co-sponsored by the American Society of Naval Engineers.

"I am looking for visionary ideas that really get out in front of the rapid, ever-accelerating technology development and deployment cycle," said CNR Rear Adm. David J. Hahn. "With new advances taking place at breakneck speeds, across multiple domains, the truth is that the 'Navy and Marine Corps After Next' is being created right now.

"I need people to think big, and then imagine even more," he said.

The concepts in the CNR Challenge need to keep naval ships, aircraft and personnel always at an advantage and help Sailors and Marines either deter conflict or win decisively and return safely.

"We want our men and women on the front lines to have such a dominant technological edge that potential adversaries don't even try to challenge us," Hahn said.

All idea submissions will be reviewed by a team of subject matter experts within the ONR. Finalists must be registered for the Expo to be selected and will be announced at the event by the CNR during his opening remarks.

Coast Guard: Boating Fatalities Highest on Record in Last Five Years

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Coast Guard's 2016 Recreational Boating Statistics report reveals that boating fatalities nationwide that year totaled 701, the highest number of yearly boating fatalities on record in the last five years, the service said in a May 31 release.

From 2015 to 2016, deaths increased 12 percent from 626 to 701, injuries increased 11.1 percent from 2,613 to 2,903, and the total number of accidents increased 7.3 percent from 4,158 to 4,463.

"The boating safety community should view these statistics as a stark reminder of the importance of boating safety education," said Capt. Scott Johnson, chief of the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety at Coast Guard Headquarters. "We are committed to providing boaters with resources including boating safety classes and vessel safety checks. One person lost or injured to a preventable boating accident is one too many so we encourage the boating public to use these educational resources as a means to prevent accidents."

The Coast Guard reminds all boaters to boat responsibly on the water: wear a life jacket, take a boating safety course, attach your engine cut-off switch, get a free vessel safety check, and avoid alcohol or other impairing substance consumption.

Making Memorial Day Memorable

The Desert Eagle Squadron of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps led by Commanding Officer Brian Phillips and Instructor Dean Currie were on hand at last Monday to perform a flag folding and raising ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery. A crowd of approximately 100 attended the ceremony put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The council wishes to extend a special thank you to Naval Air Facility El Centro's Outdoor Recreation for their use of a generator that enabled patriotic music and the program to be broadcast during the ceremony. And our thanks are given to council board members Gaylla Finnell, Betty Tucker, Eddie Lutz and Lisa Gallinat who provided refreshments of cookies, cupcakes, coffee and water for the attendees.



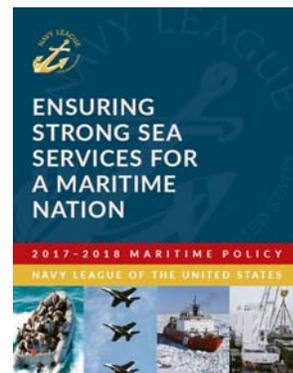
Navy League's 2017-2018 Maritime Policy Statement:

Ensuring Strong Sea Services for a Maritime Nation

The Navy League's biennial [Maritime Policy Statement](#) is produced by our Maritime Policy and Resolutions Committee and approved by the Navy League National Board of Directors. The analyses and recommendations in the Maritime Policy Statement are derived from multiple sources, including the expertise and decades of experience of our members themselves, open source materials, and public information from the seagoing services.

The views expressed are those of the Navy League of the United States, and do not necessarily reflect the official views of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Maritime Administration.

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American Legion Hosting Flag Retirement

The United States Flag Code outlines proper flag etiquette for everything from properly folding a flag, to flying a flag correctly. It even describes in great detail how to retire an American flag respectfully.

The Flag code states that, "the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Do you have an American flag that has become worn, faded, torn or soiled? If so, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. There are several ways to respectfully dispose of the American flag without showing disgrace.

The American Legion's Boyce Aten Post #25 is inviting the public to attend their flag retirement ceremony on Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. Any American flags that require proper retirement will be destroyed at the end of the ceremony.

If you have an American flag that requires proper disposal, please bring it with you to the ceremony, or contact Tracy Rascoe at (760) 352-2964.

United States Flag History. Did you know?

The name "Old Glory" was first applied to the U.S. flag by a young sea captain who lived in Salem, Mass. On his 21st birthday, March 17, 1824, Captain William Driver was presented a flag by his mother and a group of Salem girls. Delighted with the gift, he named the flag "Old Glory." Old Glory accompanied the captain on many sea voyages, and on patriotic days it hung from a rope extending from his house to a tree across the street.

After Tennessee seceded from the Union in 1861, Captain Driver hid Old Glory, sewing it inside a comforter. When the Union soldiers entered Nashville on February 25, 1862, Driver removed Old Glory from its hiding place. He carried the flag to the capitol building and raised it above the state capitol. Shortly before his death, the old sea captain placed a small bundle into the arms of his daughter. He said to her: "Mary Jane, this is my ship's flag, Old Glory. It has been my constant companion. I love it as a mother loves her child. Cherish it as I have cherished it."



Russia Navy Plans to Arm More Ships and Submarines with Cruise Missiles

By RICHARD R. BURGESS, Managing Editor, Seapower Magazine

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Russian Navy plans to increase installations of cruise missiles on its warships, the Russian Ministry of Defense said. Installations will occur as ships go through modernization availabilities.

In a May 29 release, the ministry said that, 'In the framework of modernization, submarines and warships of the Russian Navy will be armed with Kalibr cruise missiles.' Since October 2015, the Kalibr missile occasionally has been used in combat in strikes against land-based ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and Syria) and rebel targets inside Syria. The missiles have been launched from warships in the Caspian Sea and more recently from warships and submarines in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The most recent strike was launched from the Eastern Mediterranean, according to a May 30 report on the Russian RT website, though no specific date of the strike was given. The frigate *Admiral Essen* and the submarine *Krasnodar* launched a total of four missiles against ISIS vehicles near Palmyra, Syria, and, according to the report, 'All targets were destroyed.'

Russia provided notification of the strike in advance to warn the United States, Israel and Turkey, much as the United States provided notification to Russia before its April 6 Tomahawk strike on Syria.

'The sea-based Kalibr cruise missiles are capable to deliver high-precision strikes at a distance of 1,500 kilometers on sea and land targets, what significantly increases the combat capabilities of both surface warships and submarines of the Russian Navy,' the ministry release said. 'Universal technical performance of this missile system makes it possible to modernize the Navy's surface warships and submarines effectively.'

The use of long-range land-attack cruise missiles makes Russia the third nation to use such missiles in combat. The U.S. Navy and the U.K. Royal Navy have fired more than 2,000 Tomahawk missiles in combat since 1991 against targets in Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, Libya, Bosnia and Serbia.



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