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To all our sponsors,
members, friends and
family - especially our
active Sailors, Marines and
Yuma sea service veterans

*Merry Christmas,
Happy Holidays,
and
a great New Year!*



DEC 2022

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Completed

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NOTES FROM THE BOARD

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'Tis the season for giving & thanks...

As is the case throughout our town, the charity fund raising season dovetails with arrival of Yuma's snowbirds; effectively doubling our population. From October through April, particularly in these COVID crazy times, competition for funds is fierce.

Luckily, your Yuma Council has again held its own and maintained it's strong and ethical position with local businesses and sponsors. Our "Friends of the Navy League" community is growing. By partnering with generous folks and institutions, we have been able to meet 2023 budgeted obligations. This is truly the season to give thanks. On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership at large, we wish all our sponsors, participating businesses, and volunteers a joyous holiday season, safe New Year, and a heartfelt **THANK YOU!**

SUPPORT OUR MARINES AND SAILORS

Your Yuma Council, as a fully independent 501c3 Not-For-Profit Arizona corporation, continues to work tirelessly to ensure full transparency of our revenue and donations. Board members are local citizens and volunteers, taking no salary. We exist for our active duty Marines and Sailors, those veterans and families in need, and a select group of local Youth Programs who earn the privilege of being adopted by our Council.

Why You Should Join - active duty or public

The Navy League right here in YUMA depends on passionate individuals like you to support those currently serving and advocate for the sea services. We adopt ships and shore commands, reward and honor enlisted personnel, host dinners and celebrations for military personnel, and support family members left behind when spouses and parents are deployed. In addition, we actively sponsor youth leadership programs right here in town such as The Young Marines, Kofa High's MC JROTC, and Yuma's Naval Sea Cadets.

At the national level, membership allows you to help our legislative affairs team educate elected officials and fight on behalf of our sea services; specifically, MCAS Yuma! Here at home, as a member of YUMA MIL Affairs Council, we ensure our council is a full participant in ensuring local sea service veteran's-in-need (and their families) needs are addressed.

JOIN! Your Yuma Council really reflects the community: we have a wonderful group of veterans, non-vets, snow birds and local businesses in our mix. As a community service organization, no prior military service is required to be a member.

And... now, active duty military also authorized!

Contact us at <https://www.yumanavyleague.com>

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

NEED TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP? Don't let your membership expire. Checking your date is easy. You can log in to National's web page to check - even RENEW right there! If you are more comfortable with paper, see 'doc' Hager at our General Meeting for the renewal form.

New JOINS: Email us via CONTACT US at yumanavyleague.com. Current member Renewal Question?: contact 'doc' Hager for assistance.



Schedule of Events

2022 DONATIONS:

NAVY & MC RELIEF, MCAS YUMA: MAR 2022 - **COMPLETED!**
 SPONSORED YOUTH PGMS: APR 2022 - **COMPLETED!**

KEY EVENTS

18 JAN	GENERAL MEETING (1800-2000)
21 JAN	NAVY LEAGUE'S CAR SHOW
15 FEB	GENERAL MEETING (1800-2000)
15 MAR	GENERAL MEETING (1800-2000)
18 MAR	YUMA MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY (Y-MAD) - Main street (0900-1500) - INFORMATION BOOTH
19 APR	GENERAL MEETING (1800-2000)
17 MAY	YUMA NL SCHOLAR AWARDS DINNER (1800-2000)
JUN (tbd)	SUMMER NL COUNCIL BBQ / POT LUCK
JUL	<u>dark - no meetings</u>
AUG (tbd)	NL ADVENTURE TO THE DEL MAR HORSE RACES





R: Winnie Moir briefs members at MCAS Yuma

Wreaths Across America (WAA)

Wreaths Across America's mission touches the lives of thousands of schools, scout, civic and religious groups across the country through fundraising for wreath sponsorships. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, WAA's mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Council members donated personally with their contributions helping Yuma place over 3,000 wreaths; effectively honoring every veteran in our region. WAA organizers and our newest council members, Winnie Moir and Ed Engelhardt, are to be commended. **BZ!**

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Event, 2022



Ray Evans speaks at the DEC 7th Bruch, AL Post 19

We can always rely on AL Post 19 to put on a great Dec 7th brunch and they did not disappoint. This year's guest speaker and honoree was long serving Council member, Ray Evans. Ray is one of the few surviving Yuma WWII veterans, a Pacific Fleet sailor, and frequent community service volunteer.

Veterans Day & Red Kettle Sponsorship

Annual council events around Yuma also include the Veterans Day parade and Salvation Army Kettle bell ringing. For these tasks, council members partner with Yuma's sea cadets, young marines and national Submarine Association veterans to enthusiastically promote awareness of our national sea services.



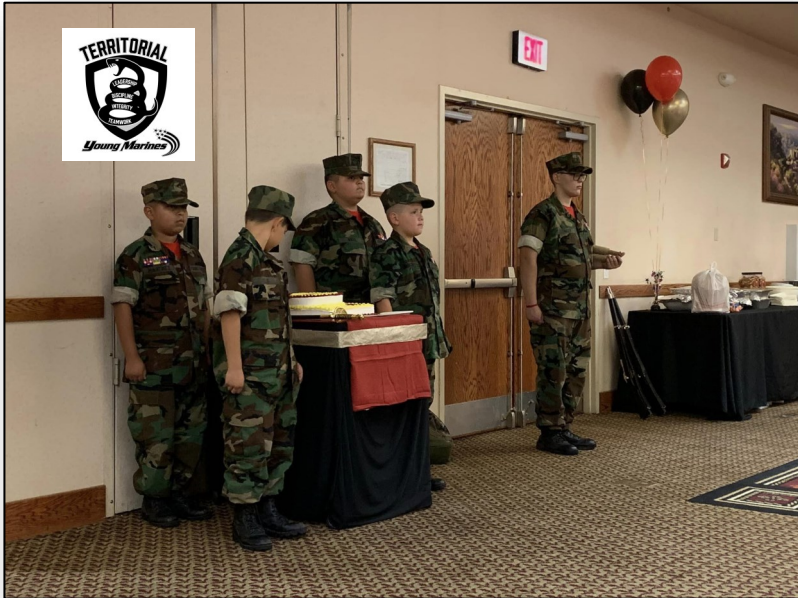
Mike and Rita Swift were among several volunteers for Salvation Army Bell Ringing w/JROTC cadets.



Gloria and 'doc' Hager lead the Sea Service Division during Yuma's Veterans Day Parade.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

LOCAL CADETS DISPLAY THEIR PRIDE



After a great Veterans Day Parade appearance, Young Marines celebrated their program's birthday this October with the annual Territorial Birthday Ball. Adjutant YM/LCpl Aileen Sanchez led the ceremony in typical motivated fashion. A leader of YMs. In attendance and participation, Ash Fork and East Valley, This was a great example of what YMs are. They came together and conducted one of the best birthday balls. When we can get YMs from different units to interact in a positive way, it results in great things. Council Youth Liaison, Mike Swift Jr., presented the Navy League's President T. Roosevelt Youth Medal to a deserving YM. For our Red Kettle volunteer day, Council members very much appreciated their assistance ringing the bell and collecting funds for Yuma families-in-need.

Bravo Zulu, Territorial YM!



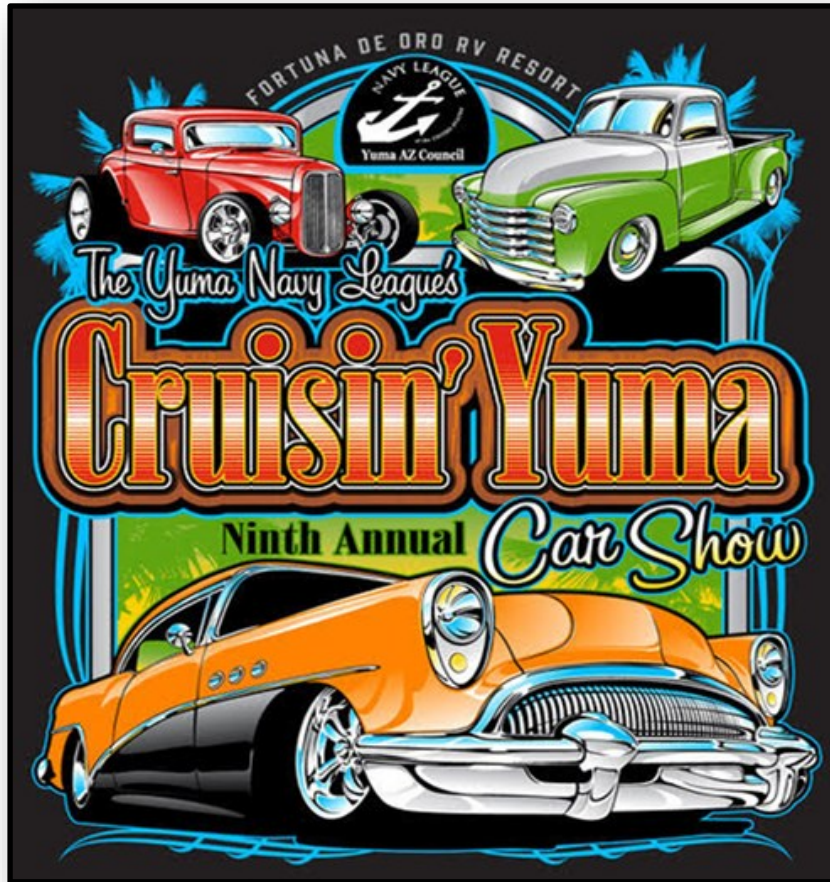
Yuma's Sea Eagle Squadron sea cadets continue to impress by learning their basic skills, passing their latest physical fitness challenge, and looking sharp in their dress blues for several fall events. A big attabooy to the cadets who worked extra to prepare their color guard for Yuma's Veterans Day parade! Passing their annual inspection w/o incident, cadets have started to prepare for summer training at various military installations throughout the west coast. **Bravo Zulu, Naval Sea Cadets!**



Kofa High's Marine Corps JROTC program has maintained its excellent training schedule – producing high achievers through state and national competitions. Their color guard looked great at the Vets Day parade and local graduation events this fall.

Kofa Cadets Daniels, Parker, Soto, and Hernandez recently returned from Tucson; placing 2nd overall (out of 11) in a State-wide Air Rifle Match competition.

Bravo Zulu, Kofa MC JROTC!



**THE LEAGUE'S
JROTC SCHOLAR
FUND RAISER IS
BACK!**

JANUARY 21

0900-1500

FORTUNA de ORO

RV RESORT



**USMC SILENT
DRILL TEAM**

SPRING 2023 (Date tbd)

"THE COMMANDANTS OWN"





U.S. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, YUMA AZ
ANNUAL AIR SHOW
OPEN TO PUBLIC
MARCH 11th, 2023



MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

A Yuma City Heritage Event
Saturday
MARCH 19st, 2022

Founded by your Yuma Navy League!

9/11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT



A NAVY LEAGUE EVENT
HOST CITY: YUMA, AZ
OCTOBER 27-28, 2023

Plans Underway!!

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strong national sea service.

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you will go far"*
US Pres. T. Roosevelt

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*Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays
from your Navy League
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