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US MERCHANT MARINERS & THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1963

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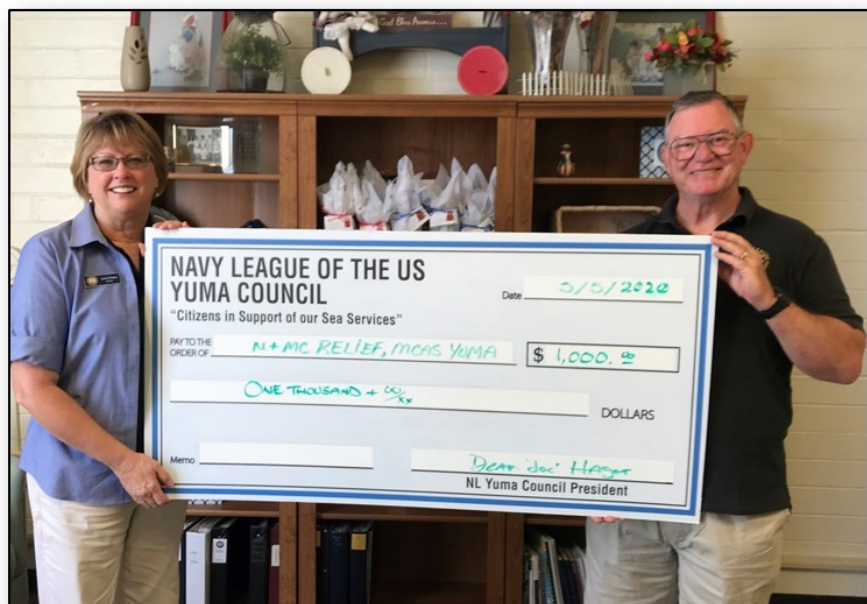
The citizen members of Yuma's Navy League are proud to receive two prestigious awards from our national headquarters. Awards are to be presented at the League's National Convention, Phoenix AZ this October:

Meritorious Council Award - Performance Gold Award - Council Social Media

Established in 1902, the Navy League is open to all citizens and is a Community service organization whose focus is direct support of our active duty Marines, Sailors and families; sponsorship of local youth leadership programs; and promotion of strong national sea services.

<https://www.yumanavyleague.com/>

YUMA NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL DELIVERS THEIR ANNUAL GIFT TO MCAS YUMA'S NAVY & MARINE CORPS RELIEF



L>R: N&MC Relief Director Lora O'Hara and Council Pres. Dean D. Hager



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COUNCIL NATIONAL AWARDS

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(Fm Pg 1): Each year a select committee of our national leadership reviews the performance of all Navy League activity around the globe. For a small council such as ours to be recognized alongside major metropolitan councils is directly attributable to YOU, our membership. That we consistently rank each year among top councils nationally is remarkable (and frankly quite humbling). For 2020, the Yuma Council was recognized for:

Performance - Accomplishing all League mission requirements (below).

Communications - best use of social media (print/digital/video).

AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION, WHAT DO WE DO?

First and foremost is support of our active duty Marines, Sailors, and their families assigned to MCAS Yuma. By formally adopting the Air Station (1965) and its Navy medical/dental tenant commands (2015-16), we keep abreast of active duty current needs and put our time and finances where they are most helpful.

Second, to advocate and educate our elected leaders and general public, we participate in key networks such as the County Military Affairs Committee and Yuma 50. We founded Yuma's Military Appreciation Day (now a city heritage event), created the sea services component of our community's Veterans Day Parade, and were VIP representatives at the Christening of the USNS YUMA aboard Austal USA's east coast shipyard. We activity partner with other local organizations to "get 'er done" when necessary. Most recently was an initiative in providing bus transport funding for our active duty. We watched it quickly morph into a community transport fund coordinated by the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce.

Teamwork!

Our third mission is equally important and has grown exponentially over the last decade; supporting Yuma's youth. Our small group of citizens are proud to provide several college scholarships annually and financially support Yuma's MC JROTC, Naval Sea Cadet, Navy League Cadet, and Young Marine programs.

Very few local organizations focus exclusively on supporting local sea service folks.

That's your Yuma Navy League.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN TODAY- MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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 Bill Bonsky at our General Meeting for the renewal form. Fill it out with a check and we'll mail it and follow up to ensure National gets it correct!

New JOINS: Email us via CONTACT US at yumanavyleague.com. Current member Renewal Question?: contact Bonsky or 'doc' Hager - we'll figure it out!



Schedule of Events - MAR>AUG CANCELLED. FALL dates published on website.

2020 DONATION EVENTS

SEA CADETS & YOUNG MARINES	MAR 2020 - COMPLETED!
NAVY & MC RELIEF, MCAS YUMA:	APR 2020 - COMPLETED!
SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM:	To be rescheduled - SMP on COVID -19 hold
YUMA NL SCHOLAR AWARDS:	MAY 2020 - COMPLETED!

KEY COUNCIL EVENTS SCHEDULED

16 APR

GENERAL MEETING, MCAS YUMA OFFICER LOUNGE, PUEBLO CLUB
(1800-2000).

Cancelled - COVID19

18 JUN

GENERAL MEETING, MCAS YUMA OFFICER LOUNGE, PUEBLO CLUB
(1800-2000), SPECIAL: US NAVAL SUBMARINE FORCE BRIEF

04 JUL

FLAG RAISING, MARINE & SAILOR OF YEAR RECOGNITION
(0700-1800), YUMA CITY ARMED FORCES PARK

21 AUG

MCAS YUMA CHANGE OF COMMAND, NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC (yet)

17 SEPT

GENERAL MEETING, MCAS YUMA OFFICER LOUNGE, PUEBLO CLUB
(1800-2000), WELCOME BACK DINNER

15 OCT

GENERAL MEETING, MCAS YUMA OFFICER LOUNGE, PUEBLO CLUB
(1800-2000), SPECIAL US NAVY FLEET FORCE PRESENTATION

19 NOV

GENERAL MEETING, MCAS YUMA OFFICER LOUNGE, PUEBLO CLUB
(1800-2000), MEET & GREET NEW CO, MCAS (Col. Dudik, USMC)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



N&MC RELIEF, contin. fm Pg 1

This MAY, as we have done since adopting MCAS Yuma in 1965, our membership ensured our local Navy & Marine Corps Relief Office was a top candidate for fund raising. Regardless of our community's shut down, our donation schedule was maintained with a Spring 2020 donation of \$1,000. The event's icing on the cake was meeting up with our friend, N&MC Relief Director, Lora O'Hara. Called back to temporary duty awaiting the air station's new Director, Lora can best be remembered as a "caring and dedicated" professional. We wish her well in all future endeavors and look forward to meeting the station's next Director.

GENERAL MEETINGS PLUS NLUS ANNUAL CONVENTION ON TRACK FOR THIS FALL



With the Corona Virus disrupting most public activities, including MCAS Yuma, not only our general meetings and events cancelled but the League's National Convention as well. We are grateful members and family are well, excepting maybe a touch of cabin fever. Please check our website for FALL dates. Public events at MCAS are still tentative, but the MCAS Sonora Pueblo Club is preparing to reopen, so plan for General Meetings to commence this September as usual.



Our latest intel is National's convention is rescheduled for October 28-31 in Phoenix. The agenda will include information on youth programs, plus US Navy and Marine Corps funding issues. A possible highlight will be a general summary of the USMC warfighting doctrine transition - returning their focus to sea borne mobile force projection.

AUGUST SAN DIEGO ADVENTURE DECISION ON-HOLD UNTIL 1 JULY

JUN: We always enjoy the brief respite from our August desert heat by traveling as a group to the coast for some San Diego dining and Del Mar horse racing fun. Thanks to the current COVID-19 Dept of Defense restrictions, our Friday military tour is cancelled. In addition, we have been informed that while the horses will be running in a circle at Del Mar, no public seating at the track will be available (as of May notice). While we were able to obtain a block of hotel rooms as usual, our usual attractions are not available as of the last notice.

Hope springs eternal, though. Our team is checking weekly - if no change by 30 June, we will announce this event formally cancelled. Stay tuned.



2020 Yuma Navy League Trip
San Diego, CA. 28-30 AUG

as of:
18 May

Friday, August 28th

Beat the heat!

Friday Night Stay
Hotel



Saturday, August 29th



Cruise In and unpack at your Hotel(s) of
choice. 10 YUMA NL ROOMS

RESERVED at HOLIDAY INN BAYSIDE
(for ground floor first come, first serve).

6PM FRIDAY DINNER (*)

Room Reservations are available!
Info on how to reserve Rm will be
emailed to each council member
by 20 May 2020

Del Mar races

Del Mar, CA

• Saturday, August 29th, 2015
11am > 5pm (close)



Yuma Naval Sea Cadet to attend US Coast Guard's Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) summer program.

It is with great pride that we can announce, **cadet Chief Petty Officer Reilly Cochran** has been selected to attend the USCG's Academy Introduction Program (AIM).

According to the USCG, **AIM** is the nation's most realistic service academy summer program as it challenges and inspires rising high school seniors interested in serving their country and exploring technical degree programs. During six action packed days, young men and women immerse themselves in Coast Guard tradition and Academy life with current academy cadet leaders. AIM provides HS seniors the explore the USCG experience and decide if they are up to the challenge of applying for academy selection.



Is a national service academy (like Annapolis, West Point or USCG Academy) worth it? YES. You get an education valued at over \$400,000 for free as well as a guaranteed job paying around \$65,000 (salary plus housing and living expenses). Not to mention an extensive Alumni network of over achievers - friendships for a lifetime.

We are very grateful that our council could assist in recommending cadet CPO Cochran and know the experience will be worth the trip. We hope to hear more upon her return. Your Yuma Navy League always stands by to support JROTC-level cadets who earn opportunities such as this. *Semper Parades!*

KOFA KINGS



MC JROTC

**Two Yuma HS students receive
\$1,500 2020 JONES OSBORNE AWARDS**

MAY: Throughout the spring shelter-in-place decrees, your scholarship committee was still in-place and working to receive applications for our two \$1,500 awards. Well, good news! Even though all local schools are closed and all kids are distance learning from home, we are pleased to award our Yuma NL *Jones Osborne Scholarships* to two young Marine Corps JROTC cadets from Kofa High School.

This year has been certainly different. Our traditional May Scholars dinner had to be cancelled and routine photo Ops a No-Go as well. However, celebratory events are secondary to our mission of supporting our new generation of leaders. Our prayers and best wishes (plus some cash!) are with our latest Osborne Jones Award recipients.

Congrats to:

MONIQUE WISE & DAPHNE RIVERA
YUMA NL JONES OSBORNE SCHOLARS

MEMBERS - YOU ARE INVITED TO CHECK OUT SEVERAL SEA SERVICE INITIATIVES REQUIRING LETTERS (EMAILS) TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

WITH BUDGET DEFICITS SOARING AND TAX REVENUES SELF INFLICTED LOWER THIS YEAR, IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL CAT FIGHT! OUR YOUNG MEN & WOMEN NEED OUR HELP. BELOW ARE A FEW KEY INITIATIVES.

FOR THE COMPLETE LIST AND MORE DETAIL FOR EACH, AND EASILY EMAIL A LETTER TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN/SENATOR - GOTO THE NAVY LEAGUE'S WEBSITE AT:

<https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/home>

The Issue - COVID19

The worldwide impact of COVID-19 is having a significant and extremely negative effect on the operation of militarily useful U.S.-flag commercial vessels enrolled in the Maritime Security Program (MSP) and their U.S. citizen crews. They need assistance to remain in a state of operational readiness available to provide the commercial sealift readiness capability as needed by the Department of Defense.

The Issue – JONES ACT SUPPORT

June 5 is the 100th anniversary of the Jones Act - *the law that requires that vessels moving cargo between U.S. ports be American built, American owned and American crewed* - is fundamental to our domestic maritime industry. You may know that there was significant turnover in Congress in the last election and many new members need to learn about the Jones Act, its importance to America and its relevance to their constituents. This becomes even more critical when one considers that there are well-funded groups working hard today, advocating for repeal of the Jones Act.

The Issue – USCG FUNDING

The Coast Guard needs more funding to support ever-growing maritime demands in an era of increased transnational criminal organization (TCO) activity, arctic activity, and Great Power Competition. With more than five consecutive clean audits, the Coast Guard is without a doubt the best bang for taxpayer dollars in the federal government.

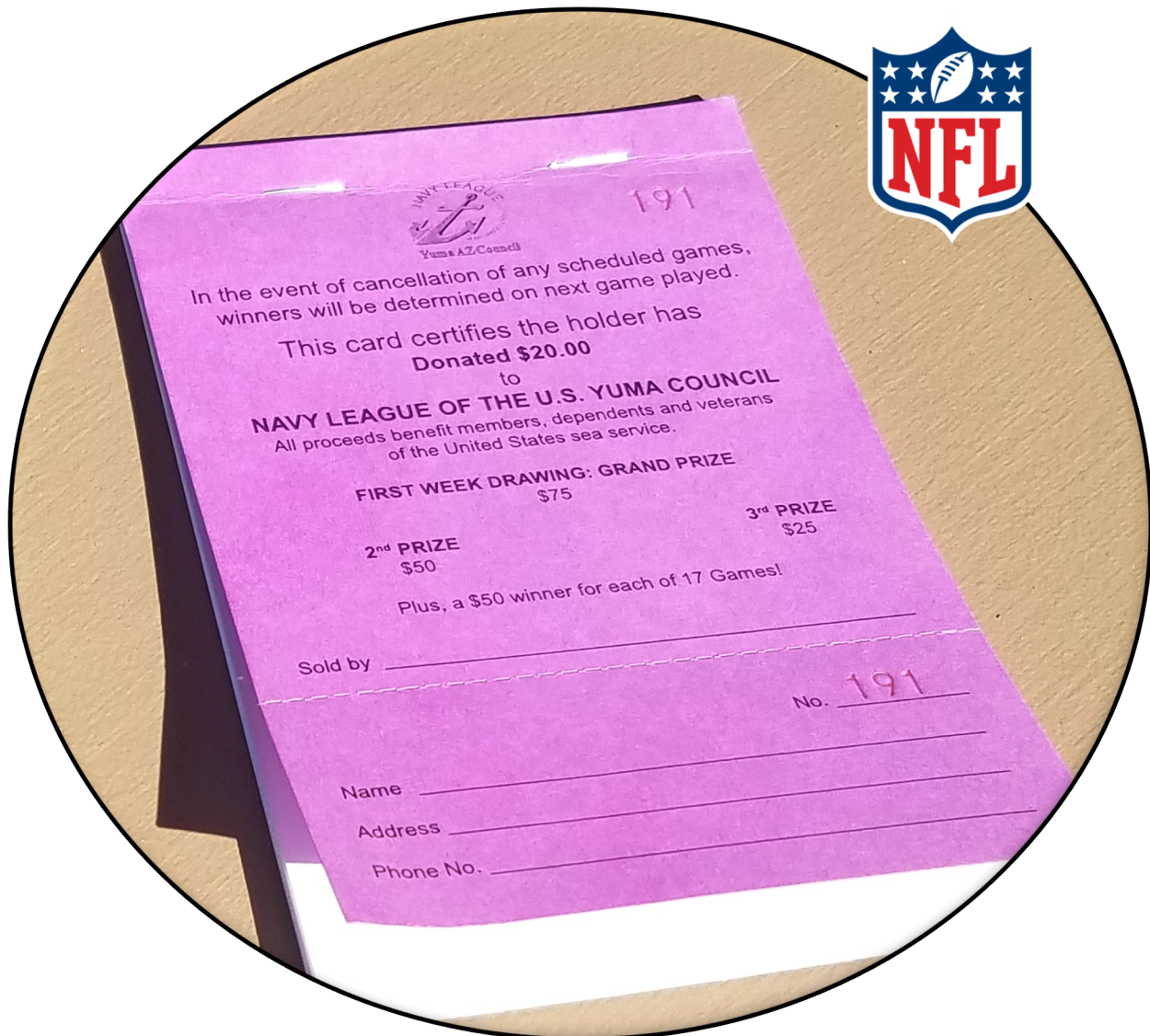
The Issue – USN / USMC FUNDING

The Navy-Marine Corps team needs topline relief to support ever-growing maritime demands in an era of Great Power Competition, particularly as they have been tasked with an ever increased presence in the Pacific. As in the past when the Pentagon topline was flat, tough decisions are needed to support the current National Defense Strategy (NDS) developed in 2018. The percent of the Defense Department budget has always fluctuated and rarely been evenly divided among the three services.

The Issue – Our US FLAGGED MERCHANT MARINE TOO SMALL

The state of the U.S.-flag fleet is at a tipping point. The American oceangoing fleet has dropped to only 82 U.S.-flag ships in foreign trade. The Maritime Administration has testified that with a fleet this size we no longer can crew all U.S.-flag commercial and government reserve sealift vessels for a sustained period of more than six months if we face a national emergency or war.

ITS' MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SEASON AGAIN!



Attention members. The NFL begins their Monday Night Games this September 14th, so it's time once again to get our books out to friends, relatives, businesses... EVERY-ONE! \$20 for 17 chances for \$50.00 PLUS 3 drawing prizes for up to \$75.00 wow! We always sell out, so do not wait!

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**American liberty is built on a
strong national sea service.**

*"Speak softly and carry a big stick;
you will go far"
US Pres. T. Roosevelt*

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