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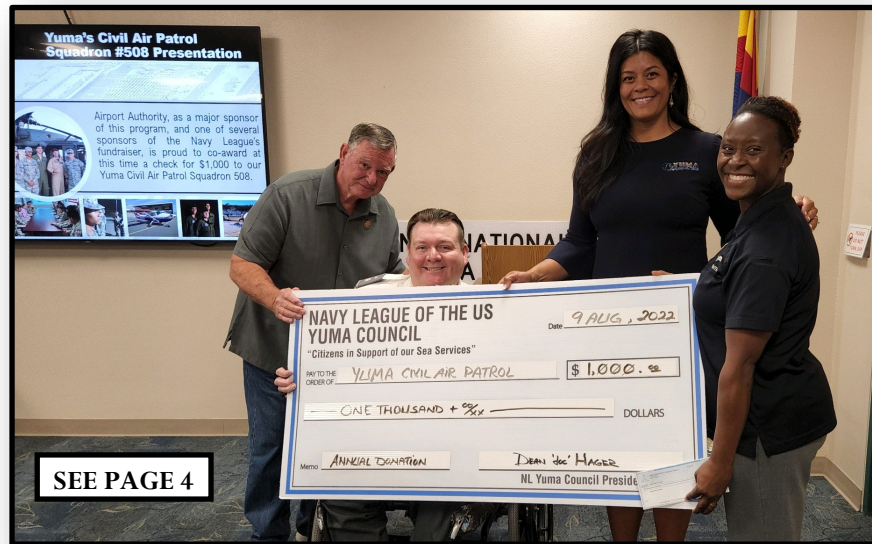
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YOUR NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL

WE ARE A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF CONCERNED AMERICAN CITIZENS WHOSE MISSION IS:

- Keep public informed on national sea services' (Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine) activities & policies;
 - Support local youth leadership programs; MCJROTC, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Young Marines;
 - Support sea service active-duty personnel & families in need;
 - Support Yuma County Sea Service veterans & families in need;
- ...but most of all: HAVE FUN DOING IT!



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Completed.

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The Issue

If the United States needed to engage in sustained foreign operations, a possibility made all the more likely by our renewed focus on great power competition, our forces would not have access to the refueling fleet required to accommodate both domestic trade needs and global military operations. This problem has only increased in recent years, and there is no indication that it will change absent significant legislative action by Congress.

The Solution

While our Armed Forces were able to primarily utilize foreign flagged tankers in the past, the strategic environment has fundamentally changed. China might not have intervened in the past with countries whose tankers supplied fuel to our forces because of capability limitations and lack of strategic interest, but they will likely hinder foreign flagged tankers from participating in operations contrary to their strategic interests, particularly in the Pacific. The bottom line is that maintaining the logistical ability to fuel a sustained force presence is a deterrent to action by our adversaries, and necessary in case of open conflict. For this reason, Congress and the White House must work together to establish and fund a fleet of Tanker Security Program ships capable of meeting the needs of American naval and ground-based forces conducting major operations in the Indo-Pacific. Similar to the Maritime Security Program for 60 dry-cargo U.S. flagged vessels, this program initially would provide a stipend for 10 tankers in exchange for their agreement to be activated by the Department of Defense when America's national security interests demand it. The NDAA provided authorization for this program but full funding is needed for FY22 and beyond.

Why You Should Take Action

Not only would the funding of a fleet of Tanker Security Program ships ensure America's continued dominance in global military engagements, it would create jobs and maintain our essential shipbuilding capacity in the midst of the Coronavirus epidemic. In both of these regards, America currently risks falling far behind our primary competitors such as China and Russia. We must ensure that our forward postured forces can be quickly and adequately resupplied via a reinforced tanker fleet, and we must use this opportunity to secure our shipbuilding industrial base.

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 Nancy or 'doc' at our General Meeting for a 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 Nancy Ramsey or 'doc' Hager, we'll figure it out!

**2022 DONATION EVENTS**

\$1K NAVY MC RELIEF, MCAS YUMA: MAR 2022 - **COMPLETED!**
 \$1.5K JROTC SCHOLAR AWARDS: MAY 2022 - **COMPLETED!**
 \$5K FIVE YOUTH PGM DONATIONS: MAY 2022 - **COMPLETED!**

KEY COUNCIL EVENTS

19 OCT GENERAL MEETING (WED)
 (1800-2000) - WEST WIND RV RESORT

11 NOV THURSDAY, YUMA VETS DAY PARADE (0800-0930) & MEMBER BREAKFAST
 AT THE LANDING RESTAURANT, YUMA

16 NOV GENERAL MEETING (WED)
 (1800-2000) - NOMINEES FOR 2022 OFFICERS
 LIVING HISTORY BRIEF— OP DESERT STORM (& RUBBER SUITS)

14 DEC COUNCIL HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS DINNER (WED)
 (1800-2030) - VOTE FOR 2022 OFFI

21 JAN **SATURDAY YUMA NL'S CAR SHOW** (0830-1500) / PUBLIC 0900-1500
 FORTUNA de ORO RV RESORT, YUMA FOOTHILLS

15 FEB GENERAL MEETING (WED)
 (1800-2000) - WEST WIND RV RESORT

15 MAR GENERAL MEETING (WED)
 (1800-2000) - WEST WIND RV RESORT

18 MAR **YUMA MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**
 INFO BOOTH ON MAIN STREET
 (0800-1500) / VOLUNTEERS - 3 HR SHIFTS

June: As our spring season wound down to a successful close, it seemed fitting to have a Pot Luck BBQ at Gloria's Ranchito. What fun to see so many members still in town - poolside - and chowing down, enjoying a great social get together. Nice day, good eats.... Getting a tad warmer, but not bad.

.... and then we entered Yuma's JULY...



JULY 4th Flag Raising: Hosted by the Caballeros de Yuma, a fine flag raising morning ceremony returned to the Armed Forces Park downtown. Our council was happy to assist in ensuring all six award plaques, properly recognizing our Yuma US Marine, Sailor, and Soldiers of the Year, were ready for their presentation.

JULY Council receives Yuma City Recognition: At the end of the July 4th Flag event, Mayor Doug Nicholls presented several awards to those citizens and businesses that played a key role in sponsoring the newly constructed Memorial Wall and Sculpture dedicated to Yuma US Marines and Sailors. Our Yuma Council received special recognition for their part in proposing the renovation, designing the new and expanded structure, and leading community fund raising efforts in partnership with the United States Marine Corps to a successful conclusion. BZ, YUMA!

DONATION TO YUMA CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS (from main pg): Due to exceptional 2021 fund raising results, our Board recommended we add CAP to our annual JROTC program donations for 2022. Authorized unanimously by our membership, we were happy to present a check for \$1,000 to their leadership at the Yuma County Airport Authority's august board meeting.

AUGUST ADVENTURE: With COVID under control and Del Mar Races open once more, we were ready to escape the heat and journey to San Diego and Del Mar. Members and friends enjoyed a great few days dining by the bay Friday evening, rooting for their favorite steeds at our track table seating Saturday, and ending with a nice brunch before heading back home Sunday. Shout out to council member Mike Swift Jr. for the great dinner reservations!

YUMA STATE VETERANS HOME ORIENTATION: Council members were pleased to welcome our new neighbor, David Barrientos - Administrator, Yuma AZ Veterans Home. David gave a great general orientation to council attendees on opening schedule, facility admission requirements, and their initial needs for community support. Wonderful evening in our new meeting location - thanks to West Wind

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



SEPT 2022: New YUMA AZ STATE VETERANS HOME PRESENTATION

Yuma Navy League members kicked off their Fall meeting with a great presentation by David Barrientos, AZ Vets Svc Home Administrator.



YUMA SEA EAGLE SQUADRON

We would like to thank the Navy League for the upgrade and new look for the Yuma Sea Cadet's trailer. This is a great asset for our recruiting events as well as a continued requirement to carry our gear for events, drills, and campouts. We have already used it for two recruiting days this past spring and look forward to showing off to all of Yuma at events and drills in the future. Sea Cadets sends a Bravo Zulu to the Navy League for such a smart looking trailer to use for our Sea Cadets.

Yuma Sea Cadets started in-person drills and recruiting days during this spring. This was necessary as we usually do not meet during the months July and August - allowing our cadets to attend national hosted training throughout the country. September 2022 starts our new 2022-2023 drill season.

Due to Covid-19 and graduations, like many of the other youth organizations we are recruiting to fill program openings. Currently, we are up to 08 cadets with potential recruits from five more families that have recently contacted our CO. Our goal is by end of the 2023 year to be back up to around 15 cadets. Additionally, we will be recruiting new adult staff members as we move forward.

We have a new Commanding Officer. Our new CO is Gordon Jacobson

Now we can start this season with our new CO in-place.

Cadets that have been in the program for a year or more will be leading our new recruits and learning the skills it takes to be SECTION LEADERS. Recruits will be learning the basics: military bearing, marching, color guard, and meeting physical fitness standards. Our new cadets are eager and have worked hard over the summer on their course work to be prepared for their first drills. They are excited to be invited to participate with the Yuma Navy League in the Veteran's Parade, November 11th. If you see these new recruits, please welcome them!



TERRITORIAL YOUNG MARINES

Territorial Young Marines wasted no time recruiting new cadets to start off a hot summer's training.

July's activities included leadership classes as well as community service. August training included a historical briefing and some hands-on awareness training in the Telegraph. Part of September's activity included participation in the Chamber of Commerce's 9-11 remembrance ceremony.

Keeping them busy!



KOFA HIGH SCHOOL MC JROTC

With the school year commencing, Sr. Instructors welcomed both returning cadets and new joins for the 2022-2023 season. Back to full strength, cadets wasted no time in preparing for a very competitive season. Color Guard, Air Rifle Marksmen, and Physical Fitness teams are already working hard to once again be in the top echelon of teams in the state. Kofa High School Class of **ROTC Scholar**: 2022 alumna, Nolani Jones, is the first Yuma Union High School District student since 2011 to receive the prestigious Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship. BZ, cadet Jones!



YOUR NAVAL TERM OF THE DAY: "Carry On"

In the days of sail, the officer of the deck kept a weather eye constantly on the slightest change in wind so sail could be reefed or added as necessary to ensure the fastest headway. Whenever a good breeze came along, the order to "Carry On" would be given. This meant to hoist every bit of canvas the yards could carry. Pity the poor sailor whose weather eye failed him and the ship was caught partially reefed when a good breeze arrived.

Through the centuries, the term's connotation has changed somewhat. Today, the Navy's Bluejacket Manual defines "Carry On" as an order to resume work (although not as grueling as those of two centuries ago).

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strong national sea service.**

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

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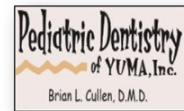


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