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YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FUND RAISER A GREAT SUCCESS!

Local youth military education and leadership programs in Yuma County got an unexpected holiday boost to start 2022 following a great NL October Fund Raiser. Five JROTC affiliated programs to receive \$1,000 each in support of their 2022 programs.



Local business leaders, NLUS council members, and cadets from several Yuma County leadership programs gathered to enjoy a fun evening at the Yuma Country Club. Silent Auction activity was spirited but, definitely outdone by public bidding for 24 Karat Jewelry diamonds and the 6 night Vegas Getaway! It was our honor to host this event and help our young men and women of the MCJROTC, Naval Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol and Young Marines.

"As a community service organization, this is what we do", stated Council President Dean Hager. "Local citizens of the Yuma Council work all year and frequently partner with great local businesses to support our next generation of leaders. That we were able to meet our donation goal is a testament to Yuma's generosity and commitment."



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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 2022 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 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 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 'doc' Hager for assistance.



Schedule of Events

2021 DONATIONS:

NAVY & MC RELIEF, MCAS YUMA:	MAR 2021	- COMPLETED!
SPONSORED YOUTH PGMS:	APR 2021	- COMPLETED!
YUMA COUNCIL YOUTH TRAILER:	APR 2021	- COMPLETED!
YUMA NL SCHOLAR AWARDS:	MAY 2021	- COMPLETED!
MCAS (active duty) SUPPORT:	JUL 2021	- COMPLETED!
USMC / USN MEMORIAL WALL:	DEC 2021	- COMPLETED!

KEY EVENTS:

20 JAN	GENERAL MEETING, MCAS PUEBLO CLUB (1800-2000)
22 JAN	NAVY LEAGUE'S CAR SHOW - <i>cancelled</i>
17 FEB	GENERAL MEETING, MCAS PUEBLO CLUB (1800-2000)
17 MAR	GENERAL MEETING, MCAS PUEBLO CLUB (1800-2000)
19 MAR	YUMA MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY (Y-MAD) - Main street (0900-1500) - INFORMATION BOOTH
21 APR	GENERAL MEETING, MCAS PUEBLO CLUB (1800-2000)
19 MAY	YUMA NL SCHOLAR AWARDS DINNER, MCAS PUEBLO CLUB (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

SEPT: GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION, 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. Our newest council members, Winnie Moir and Ed Engelhardt, are to be commended...

WAA: Just another way our members "pay it forward".



L>R: 'doc' Hager, Mrs. Patterson, Pat Patterson, Yuma Chamber Exec. Director, Kimberly Kahl

OCT: AZ VETERANS HALL OF FAME (AVHOF), YUMA INDUCTEE Class of 2021

A new council initiative for 2020 (through Yuma's Military Affairs Council) was to create a team to identify, document, and submit for our Governor's consideration local veterans who qualified for the privilege of induction into the AVHOF. Over 300 applications are submitted throughout Arizona each year with a lucky few selected. Yuma's Pat Patterson was one of only 15 inductees for 2021. Submitted by one of our own members, himself one of two Council inductees - demonstrates yet another way our council assists in obtaining local citizens the recognition they deserve.



NOV / DEC: Boxes overflowed again this year for our USMC reserve Toys for Tots activity.

Novembers meeting displayed members generosity by filling an entire box with toys once again! Partnering with local USMC Reservists, it's always a treat to help out local kids in need this holiday season. A big thanks also to the staff of *The Foothills Bank* for making our two box gift task a great success this year.

Fresh off a wonderful November general meeting, members quickly pivoted and rang Salvation Army bells with our Yuma Naval Sea Cadets. Red Kettles overflowed by day's end! Thanks 'doc', Arlyn Duval and Gina Blackwell for organizing our 2021 Kettle drive... and a big BZ to all volunteer bell ringers too!



Kofa KINGS



MCJROTC

YUMA CADETS EXCEL IN COMPETITION MEET

Yuma's **MCJROTC** traveled to Sweetwater High School in San Diego, California on Dec 4th for the Annual American Legion Post 255 All Services JROTC Drill Meet.

11 teams in total showed up for this event with representation from the Marine Corps JROTC, Army JROTC, Navy JROTC, and Air Force JROTC. Our Yuma Kofa cadets competed in the Armed Regulation Drill led by Cadet first Sergeant Corina Castillo, and the Unarmed Regulation Drill led by Cadet Sergeant Alexander Carrillo. We also competed in the Color Guard event led by Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Nolani Jones and the Platoon Inspection Competition also led by Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Nolani Jones and Cadet First Sergeant Corina Castillo. Congratulations on their success!

1st Place Overall Meet, 1st Place Color Guard Team, 1st Place Drill Tap-Out Cadet Sergeant Karma Miller, 1st Place Armed Regulation Team. **Congrats Cadets!**



TERRITORIAL YOUNG MARINES 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. YMOY SgtMaj Kiera Base participated and bestowed her leadership on these YMs. Other guest Mr. Dave Jonas, form HQ YMs and Mr. Chris Morris, City of Yuma Councilman. Keeping cadets busy and involved... **Bravo Zulu, Territorial YM!**

After decades of ground combat focus, **Marine Corps Force 2030** will reintegrate with Naval fleets and transition to a lighter, less observable, more dispersed force by:

- Prioritizing procurement of long-range precision fires; air defense systems; high-endurance long-range unmanned systems with ISR and EW, resilient networks, and disruptive and less-lethal capabilities.
- Divesting from tanks and legacy AAVs, reducing number of F-35s per squadron, heavy lift squadrons, and a majority of artillery battalions

Marine Corps Priorities

Moving Forward – Remaining a Certain Force for an Uncertain World

- The Marine Corps is transitioning back to its Naval roots.
- Adversary advances in surveillance and fires makes closer naval integration critical.
- Marines must execute sea denial and sea control missions.

Commandant's Intent – Still First to Fight

- USMC will be the world's premiere Naval expeditionary force-in-readiness.
- Forward postured to deter conflict.
- Fleet Marine Forces must support the Joint Force Maritime Component Commander and Fleet Commander concept of operations.

The Future Marines – Fight and Win

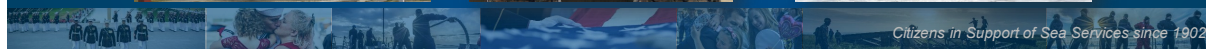
- Maintain high standards while reducing overall force by 12,000 Marines by 2030.



Citizens in Support of Sea Services since 1902

Fleet Marine Force

- The U.S. Marine Corps is the world's premier fighting force, deterring enemy aggression and safeguarding stability across the globe.
- In addition to counter-insurgency operations and great power deterrence, the USMC conducts routine missions related to counter-terrorism, counter-piracy, theatre security, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief.
- The forward deployment and expeditionary strength of the USMC give national leaders time to create diplomatic solutions. Deployed units are self-sufficient, always ready, and able to respond rapidly to any developing situation.
- We depend on the Marine Corps, but the Marine Corps also depends on us.



Citizens in Support of Sea Services since 1902

Slides courtesy of: NLUS 2022 Sea Service's Hill Surge Toolkit, "USMC Ask"



USMC SILENT DRILL TEAM

SPRING 2022 (Date tbd)

"THE COMMANDANTS OWN"



all day festival
SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2022
SEE THE SCHEDULE



MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday

MARCH 19th, 2022

9am – 3pm

Main Street Yuma, AZ

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Yuma Navy League!

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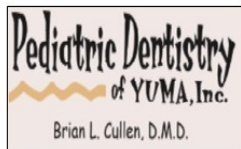
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strong national sea service.

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you will go far"
US Pres. T. Roosevelt

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Yuma's Navy Sea Cadets need adult volunteers!

While military experience is a plus,
it's just as important to have the
desire to help Yuma kids become our
nation's next generation of leaders.

Check them out – you might just like
it!

Contact our NL Council Sea Cadet Liaison:

www.yumanavyleague.com/contact-us.html

You do not have to be Veteran to join our Council!

**THE US NAVY LEAGUE IS OPEN TO ANY CITIZEN
WHO WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

ACTIVE DUTY NOW AUTHORIZED TO JOIN TOO!

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<https://portal.navyleague.org/membership-join>**