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US MERCHANT MARINERS & THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1963

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'TIS THE SEASON



Bravo Zulu & Semper fi, Yuma

From Halloween through Thanksgiving, to our Christmas and Hanukkah holiday seasons, NL Council members remained standing tall and ready to support our sea service active duty, veterans, and sponsored youth programs. And support we did. Masks in one hand, sanitizer in the other, our members raised funds for MCCA Yuma's single marine program (SMP) Thanksgiving dinner, provided keynote speakers for Pearl Harbor Remembrance and Sea Service Living History events, lobbied local congressmen regarding the MCAS Marine-Sailor Wall Memorial Project, and in our spare time, filled Salvation Army red kettles to overflowing.

"Community Service" - "Paying it Forward" - whatever you wish to call it, Yuma Navy Leaguers answered the call. *Happy Holidays, everyone!*



DEC 2020

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Happy Birthday, Sailors & Marines!

For 245 years, our Navy and Marine Corps have been at the forefront of our nation's defense. With this year's celebration observed in a "virtual" format, it's easy to forget the importance of both events; Oct 13th for our Navy and November 10th for our Marines.

As in year's past, our council provided MCAS marines with their parade deck birthday cake and witnessed from afar the age old tradition of serving the youngest and oldest active duty members present. Remarks by Air Station Commander Col. Dudik, USMC capped the event. No Yuma Navy event was publicized this year.

Here's hoping 2021 allows more public celebration of both our Yuma sailors and marines national sea services birthdays. *Semper fi!*

Navy League of the United States ~ YUMA AZ COUNCIL
Citizens in support of our National Sea Services
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2020 OUTSTANDING Council

2021 VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN

PAO: NEWSLETTER EDITOR, FACEBOOK PAGE MGR, NATIONAL NL HQ PUBLISH

COUNCIL LIAISONS:

- YOUNG MARINES / MC JROTC
- NAVAL SEA CADETS
- MO. MTG: YUMA 50 (0800)
- MO. MTG: MIL AFFAIRS CMTTE (0800)
- MCAS YUMA
 - MED/DEN, HQ, H&HS, I&L, MCCS
 - USNS YUMA

**THANKS TO ALL WHO
STEPPED FORWARD
FOR 2021
BZ !!**

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 - APR>AUG CANCELLED / COVID19

2020 DONATION EVENTS

SEA CADETS & YOUNG MARINES	MAR 2020 - COMPLETED!
NAVY & MC RELIEF, MCAS YUMA:	APR 2020 - COMPLETED!
YUMA NL SCHOLAR AWARDS:	MAY 2020 - COMPLETED!
SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM:	SEPT 2020 - COMPLETED!

KEY COUNCIL EVENTS SCHEDULED

17 DEC CHRISTMAS DINNER, THE PATIO at HILLS CC
(1800-2000), 2021 PLANS, GREAT EATS & ORNAMENT GIFT EXCHANGE

21 JAN GENERAL MEETING, THE PATIO at HILLS CC
(1800-2000), NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED, SPECIAL GUEST!

18 FEB GENERAL MEETING, THE PATIO at HILLS CC
(1800-2000), SPECIAL GUEST!

13 MAR MCAS, YUMA AIR SHOW - TENTATIVE, SATURDAY



NAVY LEAGUE WEBSITE UPDATED

THE NATIONAL NLUS SITE has the same address as before. No change.

GO TO: www.navyleague.org

Member Roster access is available at the bottom of their main page. Scroll down.

LOBBYING CONGRESS is so much easier!

E-mail letters to congressmen are easier than ever before. Make your voices heard!

Key issues: Submarine Force Funding, Jones Act Strengthening, Coast Guard shortfalls,
Mare Island Veterans Cemetery Funding

GO TO: Navy League Legislative Action Center > then the Online Advocacy Platform.

Each topic has a Facebook link. Pick your officials and a letter is generated for you.

Shipmates, this is a big deal. Members that need PC assistance - just call 'doc'

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

OCT

YUMA NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL CELEBRATES TERRITORIAL YOUNG MARINES B'DAY



\$1,000 EARNED BY YOUNG MARINES

Youth groups are invited each year to participate in our Yuma Council's Monday Nite Football fund raiser. It was our privilege to recognize the Territorial Young Marines as earning a grand by selling all their tickets.

It was great meeting their staff volunteers and family members at their YM Birthday event, and watch several young men and women receive annual awards.

YUMA COUNCIL MARCHES (WELL, DRIVES ANYWAY) IN VETERANS DAY PARADE

NOV



2020 VETERANS DAY PARADE

Masks on and observing COVID 19 protocols, the Yuma Veterans Day Parade once again was a success. The blue and green-side were represented well w/Kofa High's MCJROTC color guard leading the way. Our Navy League, Territorial Young Marines, and fine Submarine Association represented America's sea services in an outstanding manner.

Thanks to the Holman and Hager clans for being our Ambassadors for this event!

NOV



US NAVY'S SUBMARINE FORCE, FROM DIESEL TO NUCLEAR

A YUMA NL LIVING HISTORY" PRESENTATION

Part of our public outreach allows us on occasion to offer a *Living History* presentation. This November's general meeting was just such an occasion with our very own Mike Perry providing an excellent personal perspective on our Silent Service. With experience on board both diesel and nuclear boats, Mike provided a audio-video historical brief on our underwater warriors evolution, plus a summary of theories behind the USS Scorpion's North Atlantic loss.

Well received by those in attendance, planning is already underway for more "Living History" presentations in 2021.



DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER A SUCCESS!

Decembers meeting was a great mix of business, good food, fellowship and, as is tradition, a friendly (but cutthroat) ornament gift exchange.

Our 2021 budget was approved unanimously by all those present. No cuts planned for all sponsored commands, charities, or youth leadership programs. Members applauded the announcement of the gift of \$6,000 received from Yuma Walmart stores which we will ensure goes right back to our community in 2021.

Council Liaison positions were announced and those members in attendance were recognized. We'll have more on these wonderful volunteers next newsletter.

2021 Board of Directors & Officers were discussed and elected unanimously by everyone! Here they are: President 'doc' Hager, VP Nancy Ramsey, Treasurer Patti Michael, Secretary (pending) Shelly Holman, and Judge Advocate Robert Jungers.

Here's looking forward to a safe and fruitful 2020!

Merry Christmas to all !!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

MCAS YUMA SINGLE MARINES CHOW DOWN

Thanks to the generosity of Yuma Council members, 500 Thanksgiving meals were funded for active duty sailors and marines stationed at MCAS Yuma over the holiday. Turkey, stuffing, with all the trimmings were served hot by MCCS volunteers throughout the afternoon. Meal events and other unfunded support activities are just one of several services provided by the Yuma Navy League. Support of the sea services is our mission. *OooRah!*



DEC 7th, 1941 (PEARL HARBOR DAY) CEREMONY



On December 7th, 2020 - American Legion Post 19 opened its doors to host it's annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Event. Keynote speaker this year was our own Council President, 'doc' Hager (CAPT, USNR ret). This years theme was 'Recognizing our Pearl Harbor Survivors'.

Remarks Excerpt: "Our Pearl Survivors and WWII veterans are of a generation that were born into Great Depression hard times only to be faced a decade later with threats intended to bring about the destruction of their nation and personal freedom throughout the world. They entered a global war that saw over 450,000 of their fellow service personnel pay the ultimate price; emerging victorious. Today, years later in a quiet conversation, they will readily acknowledge the courage of others but are reluctant to admit their own. They deny that they themselves did anything noble. "I just did my duty" is what they usually say. You see, no true hero actually believes himself to be one. They truly are our *Greatest Generation*".

KOFA KINGS



MCJROTC



KOFA MC JROTC ADAPTS TO 2020

Senior staff and cadets have adapted and are conducting training in both virtual and real worlds. Advancements and recognitions were recently conducted (and physical fitness has not taken a back seat!). *Adapt & Overcome!*



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Yuma Sea Cadets appoint new Leading Chief Petty Officer

In a rare outing during COVID restrictions, Yuma Sea Eagle Squadron CO, LT Tyler Hudson, NSCC, presents cadet CPO Garvy Blackwell with the Units Sr. CPO Saber. Cadet CPO Blackwell now assumes the title of Squadron Leading Chief. *BZ, Garvy!*

Territorial Young Marines Top AZ Unit in Regiment Recognized for their innovations in training and motivation, our Territorial Young Marines were selected as top unit within our region. Several Young Marines also rang the Salvation Army bell this past Saturday along with Navy League members - always a holiday treat for us and Yuma shoppers, as they filled several red kettles to the brim. Our single day results exceeded \$1,100 again! *BZ to all volunteers*



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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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