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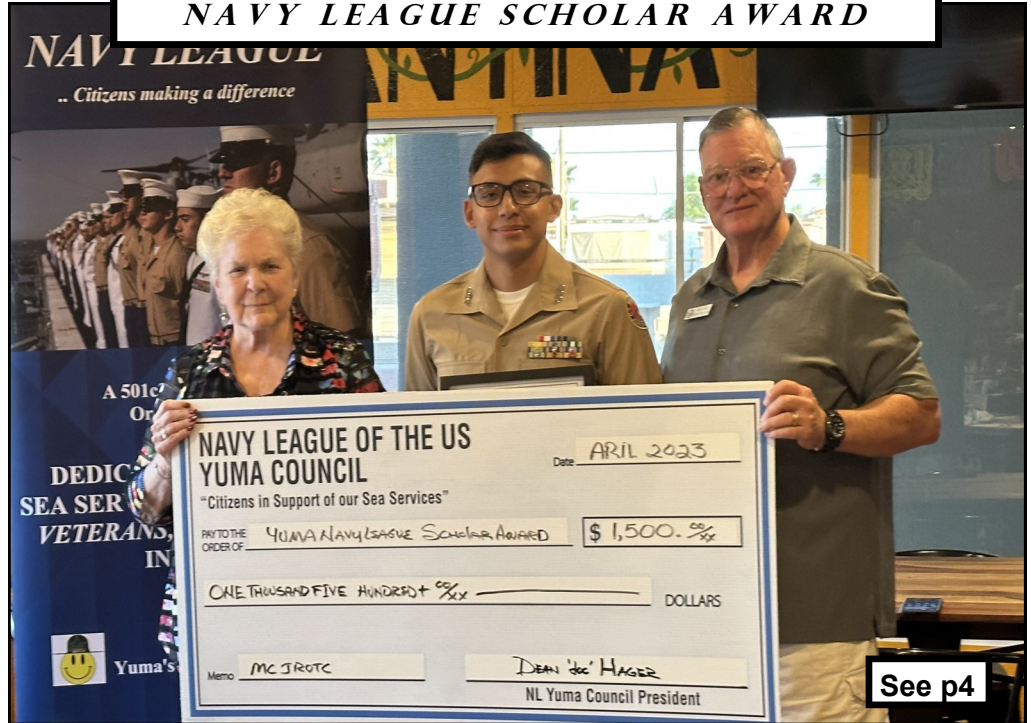
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US MERCHANT MARINERS & THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1963

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U.S. NAVY LEAGUE

AHOY Council Members! As friends and family beach visits, BBQs, and summer travel begin to be scheduled throughout our summer months, it is important to remember we remain the key local advocates for a strong sea service team - and as such should make every effort to reinforce the talking points below. So, between burger bites when the time allows, take a few moments to educate your fellows that there is a need much more important than the news cycle item of the week. Thank you all for another great spring season. See you all in August!

Editor.



NAVY LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS MARITIME POLICY TALKING POINTS 24 JAN 2023

- America is a maritime nation, and maritime dominance is the best way to prevent war.
- Our sea services provide forward presence which deters aggression.
- Our sea services provide our nation's rapid global humanitarian response.
- Our sea service defend international rule of law and protect our economic interests across global trade lanes.
- USN: Columbia-class submarines are vital for nuclear deterrence. Additional key components include recruitment/retention, munition production, and advancement of cyber-space capabilities. Our shipbuilding budget must reflect the funds necessary to construct and maintain the recommended fleet size and type.
- USMC: Key components are the recommended quality and capability of Amphibious warships, increased long range precision weapons, and the prompt return to active duty of unvaccinated marines recently separated from the service.
- USCG: Ensure continued ship and aircraft recapitalization, bolster the services digital info infrastructure, and ensure personnel continue pay and benefits during governmental shutdowns.
- US MERCHANT MARINE: Create and implement a robust maritime strategy for a US merchant fleet capable of national resupply in a long-term military conflict. Key components are recruitment / retaining skilled merchant sailors and expansion of a reliable merchant fleet.
- INDUSTRIAL BASE: Expand CONUS-based shipyards and supporting suppliers to reflect the needs of the self supporting Maritime Strategy.

Contact your elected representatives and support the League's advocacy efforts on all matters related to America's sea services and global security.

## **ATTENTION MEMBERS!**

**NEED TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP?** Don't let your membership expire. Checking your date is easy. You can log in to NL National's web page to check. ...even RENEW on-line right there!

**QUESTIONS?:** Email us via [yumanavyleague.com](mailto:yumanavyleague.com) or even attend a general meeting, they're open to the public. Meetings are always advertised on our Facebook page.  
Current member renewal question?: contact 'doc' Hager.



### **2023 DONATION EVENTS**

NAVY & MC RELIEF, MCAS YUMA:	MAR 2023 - <b>COMPLETED!</b>
YOUTH PROGRAMS (3):	APR 2023 - <b>COMPLETED!</b>
OSBORNE JONES SCHOLAR AWARD	APR 2023 - <b>COMPLETED!</b>
SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM:	SEP 2023 - <b>ON SCHEDULE!</b>

### **KEY COUNCIL EVENTS**

04 JUL	<b>JULY 4th FLAG RAISING &amp; SERVICE PERSONNEL OF YEAR AWARDS</b> YUMA CITY ARMED FORCES PARK, 0700-0800
JULY	NO GENERAL MEETING
25-27 AUG	COUNCIL & FRIENDS ADVENTURE: SAN DIEGO CA & DEL MAR HORSE RACES
20 SEPT	GENERAL MEETING, WESTWINDS RV RESORT, 1800-2000
27-28 OCT	<b>T2T 911 MOBILE DISPLAY EVENT.</b> COUNCIL & YUMA CITY CO-HOSTS INFO BOOTH (6 HRS BOTH DAYS) w/SEA CADETS TOO!
15 NOV	GENERAL MEETING, WESTWINDS RV RESORT, 1800 - 2000
02 DEC	SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING w/ YOUNG MARINES & SEA CADETS
13 DEC	HOLIDAY DINNER / GIFT EXCHANGE, WEST WINDS, RV RESORT, 1800-2000

## **YOUR NAVY LEAGUE**

With a network of more than 200 councils representing more than 37,000 members around the globe, the Navy League is the foremost citizens' organization to serve, support and stand with all U.S. sea services - the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S. flagged Merchant Marine. Decade after decade, the Navy League has demonstrated its leadership in advocating superior sea power to safeguard U.S. national security, protect American economic interests and ensure freedom of the seas.

The Navy League has three missions: to enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families; to inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and to support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines that expose young people to the core values of our sea services.



**CASH AWARDS CONTIN...**

The Council's April general meeting was well attended for our annual youth leadership dinner.

Summary briefs were provided by both Territorial Young Marines and Yuma Naval Sea Cadets.

Young Marines are gradually adding to their ranks and should have new cadets attend a recruit class to graduate this June. Color Guard and community service activities keeping the cadets busy! Bravo Zulu for Young Marines assisting with Memorial Day Events throughout the county.

The Sea Eagle Squadron cadets are keeping up with their studies - likely all squadron cadets will qualify for their specialized summer training each applies for this spring. The squadron also held a training visit to the USS Midway (CV-41) in San Diego this quarter.

Members expressed their pride in both sponsored youth groups and were happy to reward each with a check for \$500.00 for future training events.



**NL SCHOLAR AWARD CONTIN...**

May's general meeting highlighted our continuing commitment to higher education. Our council's NL Scholar committee was pleased to award a \$1,500 award to MCJROTC cadet Brandon Vasquez, Kofa High. Thx to Committee members Nancy, Rochelle and Winnie!

Cadet Vasquez will be attending AZ State University, with the goal of becoming a US Navy Engineering Officer.

## RIBS AND SEA STORIES GALORE WERE SHARED AT THIS JUNE'S GENERAL MTG

As is customary when temperature's rise, council members attended their final spring general meeting this June at Gloria's Ranchito. All dishes and desserts looked great and tasted better! The ribs were great with second helpings the rule of the day. Members shared stories of family and hopes for future council events. Several veteran "sea stories" were overheard between member sailors and marines as well.

Last minute August Del Mar travel updates were provided everyone as well as on-going preparations for the 9-11 Mobile display arriving later this year (see PG 6). Our thanks to Gloria and Grill Chef 'doc' for hosting June's Pot Luck (maybe next year a Chili Cook Off?) .

## MEMORIAL DAY - TERRITORIAL YOUNG MARINES SHOW THEIR RESPECT



29 MAY: Cadets from the Young Marines provided color guard and cross placement services for local veterans remembrance events. With ceremonies beginning at 0730, the cadets formed up with color guards from active duty, law enforcement, fire, and Vet service organizations to honor our nations fallen.

The day continued at Desert Lawn Cemetery then paying respects to residents of the Yuma Veterans Home. **BZ, Young Marines**



### YOUR NAVAL TERM OF THE DAY: LEATHERNECK

**LEATHERNECK** – term probably applied to U.S. Marines by Sailors because of the leather-lined collar once part of Marine Corps uniforms. The collar, about the same height as that of the present uniform collar, was designed to give a greater military appearance to the uniform; when damp with perspiration, it was highly uncomfortable and caused throat trouble. Abolished by Marine Corps on or about 1875.

OUR AUGUST 25-27 SAN DIEGO COUNCIL TRIP **SOLD OUT!**



T2T 9-11 MOBILE DISPLAY - YUMA MAIN ST, 27-28 OCTOBER



**COUNCIL FUTURE EVENTS****Looking towards the near future, boy do we have some fun stuff in the mix!**

**AUGUST:** With July dark for meetings, all eyes are on our annual trip to San Diego and the Del Mar Race Track, CA. Looks like all table seats at the Race Track Club Terrace are sold! Race Tickets are normally mailed to us one month in advance, so be patient - we'll alert you when they arrive. Dining reservations at Johnny's Famous American Tavern (Friday) and the Brigantine (Sunday) will be confirmed with you by July. Stay tuned!

**SEPT / OCT:** Our general meetings return to the West Winds RV Resort and will help everyone get on track for a busy fall season! Invitations are out for special guests... look for who they are on our Council Meeting Announcement Flyers posted two weeks prior to each session. Expect a Navy Birthday cake and celebration in October!

**OCT: Tunnels to Towers' 9-11 Mobile Display.** Initially arranged by our Council and hosted by the city of Yuma, our Main Street will be home for a two-day experience ~ an 1,100 sq. ft. exhibit which includes actual steel beams from the towers, documentary videos, radio transmissions - all guided by NYFD firefighters! Adults and children alike will learn a slice of our nation's history - what took place and the ultimate sacrifice many of our first responders made that fateful day. Arranged by the city in "block party" format, the 9-11 exhibit will take center stage, flanked by Fire and Emergency vehicle displays provided by local Fire Departments. Expect fine music and outside dining as well to round out the day. The Yuma 9-11 Project Team includes representatives from the Yuma Navy League, Yuma City, County Firemen's Assoc., County Sherriff Office, and local American Legion.

**NOV: Vets Day Parade.** Once again, the parade's Division II will focus on the sea services - lead by active duty sailor color guard. Following up will be our Navy League Council vehicles, Yuma Sea Cadets in formation and local Submarine Assoc.'s replica float (escorted by our Yuma Navy League Cadets). By 1030 council members should be finished and ready for a nice brunch to top off the days event in style!



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**A Marine’s Marine and co-founder of our local MC JROTC program,  
Don will surely be missed.**

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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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June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**A Celebration of Life  
US Marine Veteran  
and AVHOF inductee  
Don Eskam**

*“It was an honor representing  
the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame - recognizing  
Don’s 30 yrs. of community service.”  
NLUS Pres., Dean ‘doc’ Hager*