



Navy League of the US Yuma, AZ



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US MERCHANT MARINERS & THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1963

THE ROPE YARN GAZETTE

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Scheduled Meetings & Theme:

JUL-AUG Dark - No Mtgs.

SEPT 8th: Theme - MCAS' 6 pm
Mission (What is WTI?)

OCT 13th: Theme - Welcome 6 pm
Yuma's new Veterans Center

NOV 10th: Theme - Welcome 6pm
aboard to MCAS' new Ops
Officer

Upcoming Events:

August 28 - 30, 2015: YUMA NAVY
LEAGUE'S DEL MAR ADVENTURE !!

Oct 3rd: Fall Charity Concert

Oct 17th: Yuma Navy Ball

Nov 11th: Veterans Day Parade

Dec 5th: Mil. Appreciation Day

Dec 12th: Frys Bell Ringing -
2 stores w/cadets!

NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS UNIT STANDS UP

This May saw our community's latest youth leadership program stand-up right here in Yuma. Taking the best leadership, character and skills training from our national sea services - the US Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard - the Yuma Sea Eagle Squadron held their first training and thus began their journey from basic recruit to Naval Sea Cadet.

Based at MCAS Yuma, the Sea Eagles are an aviation squadron, and as such, focus much of their advanced cadet training towards STEM-based technical skills - such as avionics, aviation engine design, robotics, communications, and cyber security. Once completed with their basic military requirements (and recruit boot camp), cadets will also be introduced to basic skills training involving seamanship, sailing, .22 cal weapons safety/qualification, land navigation, desert survival, and much, much more!

YUMA SEA EAGLE SQUADRON US NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS (NSCC)

Honor, Commitment, Self-Reliance

*...with high expectations, a solid core of instruction,
and, to the hard-charger, JROTC benefits*



Sea Eagle Squadron
NSCC, Yuma AZ



HMC Jean Molina, USN leads
recruits in unit formation basics.



Navy League members Gary Tomlinson and
Dean 'doc' Hager (Council President) present
local Walmart representatives their
"Plank Owner" Sponsor recognition plaque.



LTJg Tim Riley, NSCC - welcomes
recruits to the Navy Sea Cadet Corps.



JUNE 2015

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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

~ a message from the President, NLUS Yuma Council



Dear Fellow Yuma Council members,

2015 is setting itself to be another great year for the Yuma Council. In a few short months this spring, we have seen four young student scholars awarded \$1,000 scholarships to assist in their dream of a college education. We tripled

the number of council business sponsors and hosted a fabulous car show that all participants said was the best yet. And we cannot forget our newest community affiliate, Yuma Investment Group - welcome aboard!

Our Neptune Council is also beginning to hit its stride. Envisioned as a way to maintain our corporate knowledge and experience, our former council presidents have "brought home the bacon" and are busy planning a new charity fund raising concert this fall.can't wait to see what Henry and the gang have in store for us.

Your council did not forget our active duty amid this all this activity. From assisting H&HS and the family of a fallen marine to donating \$1,000 to Navy & Marine Corps Relief, you kept the promise to always support our Yuma marines and sailors. Don't forget our formal adoption of MCAS Branch Dental Clinic officers and corpsmen! That act solidified your council's adoption of all in-garrison MCAS elements. While lots of folks depart Yuma heat, your council did not forget our single marines - NL Pizza deliveries poolside for singles swim are set to start for the second year (last Tuesday of each month).

For many of us, the summer is a good time to take a break..travel a bit..crank up the A/C and recharge those batteries for the Fall. Y'all better take advantage while you can. We have a new youth leadership program to support as lead sponsor of the Naval Sea Cadets. There's that new charity concert and the Navy Ball in October; the Veterans Day Parade and US Marine Birthday celebration on the drill field in November. December 5th brings back Yuma Military Appreciation Day downtown, then Salvation Army bell ringing with our cadets the 12th. Then, on to Toys-for-Tots and, oh yes, preparations for the next car show January 23rd.

I do not itemize these activities to exhaust you. It merely points out what a wonderful bunch of members you all are. It is also a reminder just how much impact a small group can make in a community such as ours if you have the heart and the will. For those who have volunteered - thank you. To those who are thinking of joining the Navy League or just helping out in the future - Welcome.

To you all - have a great summer!

Dean 'doc' Hager
CAPT, MSC, USNR ret



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COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GUESTS - JOIN US IN OUR ANNUAL CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE!

Yes, once again your Yuma Council is preparing to leave the August heat and trek to San Diego for a wonderful three day event, August 28-30.

FRIDAY: (1300-1500), enjoy a leisurely harbor cruise courtesy of our very own US Navy and LCU-One. Reservations for 20 seats only - reserve yours now before they are all gone! Your Cost is zeroFree). (1700) Enjoy an optional evening dinner w/members & guests downtown San Diego.

SAT: (1100-1600) Enjoy shaded table seating for the DEL MAR races! Win or lose, it's always fun. SAT: (2000-?) Mission Bay beach-side condo BBQ.

SUN: (1100) Wake up with a wonderful Sunday Brunch courtesy of the east-side Brigantine Restaurant.

For contact info:
**WATCH FOR THE FLYER
OUT THIS MONTH!**

APRIL: April was a busy month. First we received the OK from Washington to stand up the Yuma Sea Eagles Squadron.. then we hustled over to Navy & Marine Corps Relief to donate a cool grand for our active duty & their families. Thanks to COL & Mrs. Martinez for sharing this moment with us.



April 15th, 2015: Members of the Yuma Council present their donation of \$1,000 to the staff of Navy & Marine Corps Relief, MCAS Yuma AZ. Pictured l>R: Lora O'Hara (director N&MC Relief, MCAS), Barney Bakara (Council Military Liaison), 'doc' Hager (Council President), CO MCAS Yuma - COL Martinez USMC and Mrs. Martinez; plus Shirley and Bill Bonsky (Council VP). BRAVO ZULU NAVY LEAGUE YUMA!

APRIL's General meeting was full of good news. Our month's theme was Yuma Youth Leadership Programs with our keynote speakers Brian Bell (MAJ, USMC ret) and Colin Laarman (SgtMaj, USMC ret) representing our local MC JROTC cadets. As a direct supporting organization of the MC JROTC, it was great to see the growth of this program and the professionalism with which it is managed.

MAY: NL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS... and one fine dinner!

Our May general meeting kicked off our annual awarding of four (4) \$1,000 dollar college scholarships to deserving local high school students; including one MC JROTC cadet. Parents and award winners enjoyed a dinner and recognition. Members of our Awards Committee also attended each award recipients' HS awards event (outside of our dinner night of course).

PIC: Our President, 'doc' Hager, attending Kofa High's JROTC awards night with scholar winner Cadet Ortiz and Sr. Instructor MAJ Bell.





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2015 Naval League Scholars Yuma Council NLUS, AZ



Latest USNS Yuma Update



Hey gang, remember the new US Navy ship to be named Yuma?

Well, metal cutting has been initiated with construction to finish late 2016.



May 12TH 2015: The Navy League of the US formally recognized four local student recipients of \$1,000 dollar college scholarships during the Yuma Council's annual awards dinner. Bravo Zulu – Scholars!

Shown L>R: 'doc' Hager (President), Fabian Ortiz (Kofa MCJROTC), Karston Frank (Yuma Catholic), Maxwell Williams (Gila Ridge), Daniel Moya (San Luis), and HMC Jean Molina USN (guest speaker)

During the May MC JROTC awards ceremony at Kofa High, our Yuma Council also recognized this years recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Medal for Outstanding Performance.

BRAVO ZULU Cadet!



May also saw our latest Community Affiliate join the Yuma Council, Yuma Investment Group (YIG). Pictured at left, accepting the League's Recognition Plaque, is YIG staff member, Valarie Millsom.

DID YOU KNOW?

ROPE YARN: A period, traditionally on Wednesday afternoons, when the crew was excused from most duties and had light duty mending uniforms and hammocks, and darning socks. When at sea, the crew was similarly excused on Wednesdays for light personal chores which allowed for more social time and conversation.

US NAVAL SEA CADETS - YUMA SEA EAGLE SQUADRON



This June saw a wealth of activity.. sooo much to squeeze into this publication. Our general meeting saw a wonderful meal capped off by our guest speaker, our very own Chuck LeDrew, who gave council members an update of our very own newly stood up Yuma Sea Eagles Squadron, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC). Chuck did a great job in outlining the success thus far enrolling cadet recruits, obtaining sponsor funding, and vetted adult volunteers. As the illustration depicts, Naval Sea Cadets receive experience and training in the many technical specialties of the our national sea services - the US Marines, Navy and Coast Guard. As representatives of the Navy League (National Sponsor of the NSCC), our Yuma Council has a responsibility to ensure this new squadron becomes a premier youth leadership program for Yuma's young men & women!



A steel Sea Eagle logo now adorns the squadron's new home at MCAS, Yuma thanks to Cadet Phillip, NSCC.

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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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The Yuma Council, NLUS is proud to host - OCTOBER 3rd, 2015

Spend an evening with a
great meal and music by
Dr. Eduardo Costa.

All charity proceeds stay
in Yuma ...and help us
support key Council
missions:

- Support of our active duty marines, sailors, and their families.
- Support of local sea service veterans and families in need.
- Support Yuma's Naval Sea Cadets, MCJROTC, and Young Marines.
- Dinner & Concert donation: \$40.00/ea.

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