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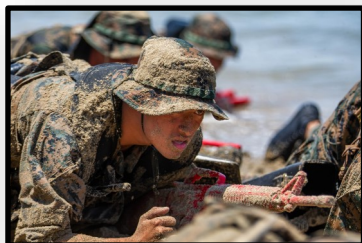
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY'S MARINES, SAILORS, COASTGUARDSMEN,  
US MERCHANT MARINERS & THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1963

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### NAVY LEAGUE CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



From September 15 through October 15, our nation observes Hispanic Heritage Month to remember the many contributions of the Hispanic Sailors and Marines who have served throughout the history of our sea services team. Today, nearly one in every four Marines is Hispanic - over 52,000. In addition, there are over 67,000 Hispanics serving in our Navy - over 16% of the fleet. As we reflect on the accomplishments of these heroes of the past and present, we recognize the strides we have made to ensure Sailors and Marines are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. We are strengthened by the diversity of our force, especially those of every Hispanic American who serves our Navy-Marine Corps team today.



### 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!



**MAR 2021**

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**NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S.**

**NAVY LEAGUE POSITION PAPER: SSN SUBMARINE FORCE**

***dated: AUGUST 25, 2020***



The SSN force faces a challenge with older Los Angeles-class (SSN 688) boats retiring rapidly over the coming years. While the current shortfall is 13 for one of our most valuable assets for near-peer competition, Navy force structure projections estimate a 24-hull shortfall of the 66-attack submarine force goal in FY27.

**BACKGROUND:** The Navy's FY20 30-year shipbuilding plan included procurement of two Virginia-class SSNs in FY21. This would help the Navy implement the 2018 the National Defense Strategy (NDS) and Distributed Maritime Operations (DMO) concept to build a more lethal and agile force. In an environment of great power competition, our submarine force's asymmetric stealth advantage and capabilities against anti-access powers enable success for the entire joint force. Sustaining the gold standard Virginia-class acquisition program — to include procurement of two hulls per year through fiscal 2025, and the Virginia Payload Module (VPM) — is vital to the sustainment of this critical capability. This strategy minimizes both the depth and duration of the SSN shortfall and, with the VPM, the loss of undersea payload volume in the post-guided-missile submarine (SSGN) era. It also improves payload distribution across the force, which will complicate adversary planning. Additionally, it is likely an upcoming study of future Navy force-level requirements will recommend a larger fleet of nuclear powered attack submarines (SSNs). The House Armed Services Committee reported that an uneven workflow of one boat in FY21 could cause "last in/first out" labor contracts to force the yards to lay off the young workers they just hired to build Columbia. The Navy also indicated in their FY21 budget brief they believe the industrial base has the capacity to take on the additional work associated with building the 10th boat in the current Multi Year Procurement contract.

**DISCUSSION:** A second Virginia-class submarine sits at the top of the Navy's FY21 unfunded priority list.

**POLICY POSITION:** Currently, the Senate's bill would authorize only advance procurement dollars as a down payment and indication of their willingness to pursue this critical weapon system in the future. However, as Columbia Class SSBN procurement ramps up, and given that budgets are likely to decrease over the FYDP, finding additional dollars for a 10th boat could be challenging.

**NAVY LEAGUE POSITION: Congress should authorize and fund two Virginia-class hulls in 2021.**

**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](mailto:yumanavyleague.com). Current member Renewal Question?: contact Nancy Ramsey or 'doc' Hager, we'll figure it out!

**2021 DONATION EVENTS**

NAVY & MC RELIEF, MCAS YUMA:	MAR 2021	- <b>COMPLETED!</b>
YUMA COUNCIL YOUTH TRAILER:	MAR 2021	- <b>COMPLETED! / STAGE ONE PAINT</b>
YUMA COUNCIL YOUTH TRAILER:	APR 2021	- <b>COMPLETED! / 360 degree WRAP</b>
YUMA NL SCHOLAR AWARDS:	MAY 2021	- <b>COMPLETED!</b>
MEMORIAL WALL PROJECT I:	JUL 2021	- <b>CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED!</b>
MEMORIAL WALL PROJECT II:	TBD 2021	- IWO JIMA STEEL INSTAL

**KEY COUNCIL EVENTS**

<u>16 OCT</u>	<b>SATURDAY FALL DINNER EVENT</b> , YUMA COUNTRY CLUB (1800-2100), ALL MEMBER EVENT - FUND RAISER
<u>11 NOV</u>	THURSDAY, YUMA VETS DAY PARADE (0800-0930) & MEMBER BREAKFAST AT THE LANDING RESTAURANT, YUMA
<u>18 NOV</u>	GENERAL MEETING, MCAS YUMA PUEBLO CLUB (1800-2000) - NOMINEES FOR 2022 OFFICERS
<u>16 DEC</u>	COUNCIL HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS DINNER & ORNAMENT GIFT EXCHANGE (1800-2030) - VOTE FOR 2022 OFFICERS

**2022**

<u>20 JAN</u>	GENERAL MEETING, MCAS YUMA PUEBLO CLUB (1800-2000) - SWEAR IN 2022 OFFICERS, DISCUSS BUDGET AND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR 2022
<u>22 JAN</u>	<b>SATURDAY YUMA NL'S CAR SHOW</b> (0830-1500) / PUBLIC 0900-1500 FORTUNA de ORO RV RESORT, YUMA FOOTHILLS



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...



This year the monsoon season returned with a vengeance - along with it's storms, microbursts, and flooded washes. While most of us beat feet for cooler climates, a few dedicated souls stayed in town and began council preparations for this Fall. Here's a sampling:

MCAS Memorial to Sailors and Marines: Construction continued through June and it appears the major structural components (concrete pad, wall, flagpole, lighting) are now completed. Our Yuma community came through despite these COVID times; purchasing three granite benches to surround three sides of the new flagpole. The benches were delivered as scheduled July 1st and in storage locally, waiting on our USMC JAGs to work their magic for the CO. Our original 1965 memorial plaque was cleaned up thanks to sea cadet CPO Garvey and Gina Blackwell.—and it is now mounted for all to see. We also finalized the Iwo Jima silhouette's installation design and project cost - then contracted the final stage prep and wall mount to Yuma's Penn Neon Signs. So my friends, no matter what, you can bet our Council will stay the course until this wonderful project's completion. Our thanks to MCAS I&L for all their efforts!

JUL 4th Flag Raising: Hosted by the Caballeros de Yuma, a fine flag raising morning ceremony returned to the Armed Forces Park downtown. As funds from the Chamber were unavailable due to timing issues, our council stepped in and provided the six award plaques, ensuring our community properly recognized our local US Marine, Sailor, Soldier and NCOs, Petty Officers of the Year. Our thanks to AL Post 19 for reimbursing us once the AF Park Plaque funds were available.

OCT Dinner Fund Raiser: A good deal of effort has been expended since June - inviting sponsors and members for the event as well as providing an e-ticket for seats or sponsorship purchases. By September our sponsors stepped up and ensured our event is fully funded and then some! Still signing up folks, but it looks like a success so far!

**WE NEED BASKETS! See Next Page>**

Sonora Pueblo  
Club, MCAS Yuma



**We're Back!** September saw our general membership dinner meetings resume on board MCAS Yuma. The club manager, chef and staff did their usual great job. While several members were still traveling, enough hearty souls were back in town to fill the seats to hear a wonderful presentation by Winnie Moir, Yuma's Wreaths Across America director. The council was surprised that the several thousand veterans graves were still needing wreaths donated - and pledged to help this winter. Obviously, the briefing was a win-win situation and Winnie and her hubby are looking to join the League. Along with Bob Jungers son, we are soon to see three new members - woo hoo! Members also received updates on our Young Marines (Mike Swift) and Sea Cadets (doc H) as both programs reconstitute themselves. Recruiting is up now that they are allowed to train in person once again (just in time to support Dec's Salvation Army bell ringing).



Gina, Garvey and Doc get dirty cleaning the Council's 1965 Memorial's Plaque



## **AHOY - ALL YUMA COUNCIL MEMBERS!**

### **GIFT BASKETS NEEDED !!**

We need gift baskets for our October 16th FALL CHARITY DINNER silent auction. This one of several ways to raise cash for our sponsored cadets, so please donate at least one nice basket to the cause. Contact Nancy Ramsey for details and we'll pick it up if necessary. Plan on providing a nice basket no later than **September 30th.**





### 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 2021 starts our new 2021-2022 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 12 cadets with potential recruits from five more families that have recently contacted our CO. Our goal is by end of the 2021-2022 year to be back up to around 25 cadets. Additionally, we will be recruiting new adult staff members as we move forward.

We have a new Commanding Officer. Our new CO is Tyler Hudson, LT NSCC, who has been with the unit since 2015 as an instructor and then Executive Officer. LT Hudson was strongly recommended by Yuma's Council for this position - thanks to all. 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 Chief Petty Officers. 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!

**Gina Blackwell, council liaison**



### 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 2021-2022 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



*Our Council is proud to once again have cadets from Young Marines, Naval Sea Cadets and MC JROTC scheduled to be escorts at our annual Fund Raiser dinner and auction -*

*The Yuma Country Club  
16 October 2021*

*e-tickets link: [www.yumanavyleague.com](http://www.yumanavyleague.com) Go to History/Newsletter page for flyer w/link*



### 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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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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## 22 JANUARY 2022 TIME FOR ANOTHER GREAT CAR SHOW!



Great cars & Trucks - all types - on asphalt!  
Live music, BBQ, cool beverages, shaded  
dining, family friendly, silent auction items,  
T shirts, awards by decade... and much  
more!

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