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YUMA CITY & NL COUNCIL TO HOST THE TUNNELS-
TO-TOWERS MOBILE 9-11 DISPLAY, 27-28 OCTOBER





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U.S. NAVY LEAGUE

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PAY PARITY FOR OUR COAST GUARD

With more than five consecutive clean audits, the Coast Guard is without a doubt the best bang for taxpayer dollars in the federal government. At a total budget of around \$12 billion, the Coast Guard is the world's premier, multi-mission, maritime service. They offer a unique and enduring value to the nation. The only branch of the U.S. Armed Forces within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), a federal law enforcement agency, a regulatory body, a first responder, and a member of the U.S. Intelligence Community – the Coast Guard is uniquely positioned to help secure the maritime border, combat transnational criminal organizations (TCO), and safeguard commerce on America's waterways.



While Congress has ensured that our men and women serving in the military do not experience any lapses in their paychecks despite potential lapses in government funding, there is currently no such mechanism for the Coast Guard.

The Solution

Support the Coast Guard's need for assured pay, allowances, and benefits of Coast Guard personnel, should there be a lapse in government funding. The Navy League asks Members of Congress to support the pay parity provisions in H.R. 2693, Congresswoman Scholten's "Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2023", and the "Pay Our Coast Guard Act" newly introduced in the Senate by a bipartisan coalition of Senators. There are countless Coast Guard allies and proponents in both the House and Senate and we believe that this provision can make it into must-pass legislation with your help!

Why You Should Take Action

The Coast Guard is not given the same paycheck assurance as the Department of Defense due to its jurisdiction falling under the Department of Homeland Security. During the government shutdown in 2019, over 40,000 active Coast Guard members worked without pay.

The men and women of the Coast Guard do not undertake a mission any less dangerous or any less necessary than other military branches. The Coast Guard service members should not have to worry about the wellbeing of themselves and their families while making a sacrifice to service our nation.

To be heard, go to: <https://navyleague.quorum.us/campaign/48115/> or, from our e-newsletter, control key/click to access the link below:

[Navy League | Cosponsor the Pay Our Coast Guard Act! \(quorum.us\)](https://navyleague.quorum.us/campaign/48115/)

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 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 - COMPLETED!
YOUTH PROGRAMS (3):	APR 2023 - COMPLETED!
OSBORNE JONES SCHOLAR AWARD	APR 2023 - COMPLETED!
SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM:	SEP 2023 - ON SCHEDULE!

KEY COUNCIL EVENTS

18 OCT	GENERAL MEETING, WESTWINDS RV RESORT, 1800 - 2000
27-28 OCT	T2T 911 MOBILE DISPLAY EVENT. COUNCIL & YUMA CITY CO-HOST. INFO BOOTH (6 HRS BOTH DAYS) w/SEA CADETS TOO!
11 NOV	VETERANS DAY PARADE - COUNCIL LEADS DIVISION 2
30 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
16 DEC	WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - DISTRIBUTION ON SITE VOLUNTEERS
20 JAN	NAVY LEAGUE'S <i>CRUISIN' YUMA CAR SHOW</i>
25 JAN	GENERAL MEETING, WESTWINDS RV RESORT, 1800 - 2000

**YOUR NAVAL TERM OF THE DAY: MAST**

MAST – captain's mast, or merely mast, derived from the fact that in early sailing days, the usual setting for this type of naval justice was on the weather deck near the ship's mainmast. Currently, it means a type of hearing with commanding officer presiding, in which any punishment administered is non-judicial in nature and is an alternative to court-martial.



**Yuma Council's
Challenge Coin**

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.

Our council has three missions: 1/ to enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families; 2/ to inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and 3/ 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..... and have fun doing it!

Marine and Sailors of the Year Awards: While general meetings take a break from the heat, council members still found the time to support active duty Sailor and Marine service personnel of the year (see PG 5 >). Plaques were awarded at the July 4th Yuma City Armed Forces Park Flag Raising Ceremony.

Annual Training Presentations: Quality shows... and our latest naval sea cadet crew, in their second year together, scored two NSCC Training HONOR CADET awards again this year!

Yuma Council members attended Yuma Sea Cadets July summer annual training experience presentations. Very difficult to attain, the *Honor Cadet* designation is for the single naval sea cadet who displays outstanding performance at their training event - selected by the adult training staff. NSCC training events can hold from 12 to 300+ cadets each site. That cadets from a small town can achieve recognition is a wonderful example of their commitment to excellence! Details are available at the Sea Eagles Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/YUMANSCC



August/Sept - time for MCAS Yuma visitations: While planning continues to ensure a great October 9-11 Display event, it was also good timing for council liaisons to schedule courtesy calls with our adopted units on board MCAS Yuma. We have a new base Commander, new Medical and Dental Officers in Charge, and new senior enlisted sailors to introduce to members at future general meetings. DOC Hager did stop by base Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) to see how best to support single Marines this holiday season. Looks like we're helping Santa this year - more on that later :).

We were lucky enough to talk with the senior corpsman coordinating this years Navy Ball and hooked them up with our sea Cadets (thanks Arlyn) so cadets can attend in dress blues and experience the ceremony. As part of our budget, \$500 will shortly be donated by our council to the Navy Ball Fund.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

2023 4th Of July Flag Raising and MCAS Yuma Military Personnel of the Year Awards

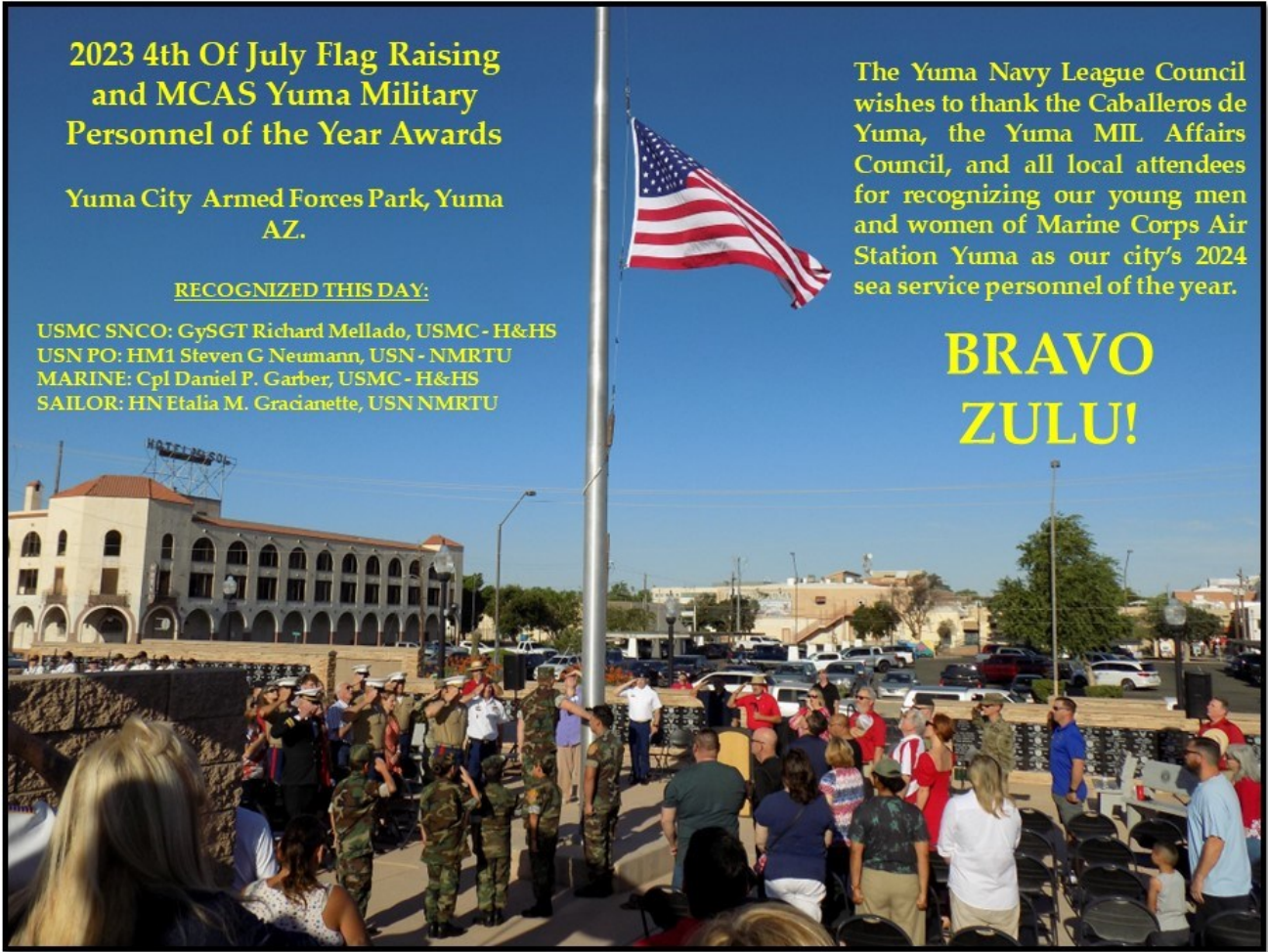
Yuma City Armed Forces Park, Yuma AZ.

RECOGNIZED THIS DAY:


USMC SNCO: GySGT Richard Mellado, USMC - H&HS
 USN PO: HM1 Steven G Neumann, USN - NMRTU
 MARINE: Cpl Daniel P. Garber, USMC - H&HS
 SAILOR: HN Etalia M. Gracianette, USN NMRTU

The Yuma Navy League Council wishes to thank the Caballeros de Yuma, the Yuma MIL Affairs Council, and all local attendees for recognizing our young men and women of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma as our city's 2024 sea service personnel of the year.

BRAVO ZULU!



Your Yuma..



"Supporting our future, one serviceman at a time"

We are a community organization whose members include both veterans, non-Vets, and active duty family members. Our membership is dedicated to supporting our active duty, veterans, and families in all national sea services.


- US Navy
- US Marines
- US Coast Guard
- US Merchant Marine

CANCELLED

GENERAL MEETING WED SEPT 20
 1800-2000 (6-8PM)
West Winds RV Resort
 9797 E 32nd St, Yuma, AZ 85365

Time to catch up on our summer trip stories and Fall Events --> Big "9-11 Display" block party downtown, Vets Day Parade, Wreaths Across America, and our January Car Show.
 All Mon Nite Football! Tickets Sold - Woo Hoo!

SEE YOU ALL THERE!



September's general meeting fiasco!

Imagine our surprise when our meeting hall at West Wind RV Resort and Restaurant was DARK! Yup, at 5pm Wednesday Nancy T. discovered they were w/o power - so quickly we dialed up our member wide list for notification of the cancellation.

SEPT Member FYI stuff:

Liaison Changes: President Hager requested extra support in our active duty relations - specifically MCAS Yuma - as our adopted commands are soon to grow. With our youth programs maturing and requiring less council assistance, Mike Swift Jr. has agreed to transition to Council MCAS Yuma Liaison duty. Thanks Mike!

9-11 Planning for October is right on track. You will receive a separate info packet as to events and NL volunteer needs next week. **BZ Yuma!**



Cruisin' Yuma Car Show: Once again our friends at Fortuna de Oro RV Resort have laid out the welcome mat for our council and our Great Car Show charity event. Scheduled for Saturday, January 20th, local auto clubs are already planning on making this another full-to-busting celebration of all things automotive! Applications will be available in both paper and electronic versions starting this October.

- 120+ hot rods, classics, muscle cars
- Live music, BBQ, T shirts
- 50/50, silent auction
- Free to public

Funds raised this year are targeted to JROTC college scholarships and local sea service veteran families-in-need.



Marine Corps Air Station Yuma Air Show: Always a favorite, MCAS Yuma will be opening up its flightline to the public Saturday, March 9th, for a great all day event. America's largest aviation training base for fleet marine expeditionary forces and our allies, it provides a wonderful opportunity for sea cadets, young marines, and our MCJROTC cadets to showcase themselves, recruit, and assist in event support.



Yuma Military Appreciation Day (Y-MAD): Wow, what a spring! Immediately following the USMC air show, Y-MAD celebrates its return, March 16th, to main street after several years of COVID mandated cancellations. Fun Fact: Two Yuma NL council sea service veterans founded Y-MAD w/the city in 2015.

A great celebration of Yuma's military history, current displays from Army/Navy/Marine Corps commands, and on-site services helping local veterans, Y-MAD has been a great community family event. For 2024, our council (partnering with over 50 local veterans support organizations, active duty Marine Corps and Army commands), is taking the lead to bring this back in full swing! Can't wait. **Oooo Rah!**

A WORD OF "APPRECIATION"

N&MC Relief says "Thanks": Here is our latest - thought we'd share in case you missed this. For decades our members have supported the League's mission, never with the goal of recognition or formal thanks. However, on the rare occasion, we do receive a letter from a donation recipient that is maybe viewed once at a meeting before being placed in the files.

One notable exception is the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society. From the top-down, each year our cash donation is acknowledged personally by local MCAS N&MCR staff and their national leadership. This appreciation is heartfelt and serves as a testament to our mission's value and strengthens our resolve going forward supporting our local Marines and Sailors.

**NAVY-MARINE CORPS
RELIEF SOCIETY**

LtGen Robert R. Ruark, USMC (Ret)
President and Chief Executive Officer

June 27, 2023

Yuma Council of the Navy League of the United States
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Dear Council Members,

I am overcome with a profound sense of gratitude for your commitment to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and to those we serve. Thank you for the donation of \$1,000.00. The gift was received on March 27, 2023.

It is the generosity and passion of our supporters that allows the Society to accomplish its important mission of serving Marines, Sailors and their families facing a financial emergency. Your support enables the Society to provide interest-free loans and grants and financial education to Sea Service members, and deliver valuable resources like our Visiting Nurse, Education Assistance and Budget for Baby® programs.

Through your generosity, you demonstrate the very best in the ideals that we live by in the military: duty, honor, and service. On behalf of the Society, please accept our deepest thanks.

Sincerely,

LtGen Robert R. Ruark, USMC (Ret.)
President, CEO, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

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Thanks to our 2023 -24 partners in our mission to support our sea services, veterans and JROTC



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strong national sea service.

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you will go far"
US Pres. T. Roosevelt

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2023 NATIONAL AWARDS



From over 200 Navy League councils throughout the nation, a select few are recognized annually for their performance and dedication to our League's mission.

YUMA, AZ

Outstanding Council

Community advocates; supporting Sea Service commands, veterans and families-in-need; youth leadership program(s) sponsor.

(1 of 14, and only small council, to receive this award)

Social Media Award

Communications – quality digital publications

(1 of 18, and only small council, to receive this award)

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