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Sea Cadets Planning Trip to Patriots Point

Will stay aboard 'The Fighting Lady'

Our Sea Cadets unit is planning the most exciting event in its history.

The young women and men will travel on July 23 to historic Charleston, SC and will berth aboard the museum ship *USS Yorktown* (CV 10), one of the most decorated war ships in our nation's history.

The Cadets will eat their meals in the Chief Petty Officers mess, and will experience what shipboard life was like for the hero crewmen of this magnificent ship. ('reveille' is a distinct possibility, but we don't expect they'll go to GQ!)

Yorktown received the Presidential Unit Citation and earned 11 battle stars for service in World War II. Much of the Academy Award-winning (1944) documentary "The Fighting Lady" was filmed aboard *Yorktown*.



In addition to touring the historic Essex class aircraft carrier, the Cadets will visit the The Congressional Medal of Honor Museum, located on board *USS Yorktown*. The Congressional Medal of Honor Museum

features interactive exhibits that explain the origin of the Medal of Honor and what it stands for.

The Cadets will also have the chance to visit other World War II ships at Patriots Point:

USS Laffey (DD 724). A Sumner-class destroyer, *Laffey* supported the D-Day landings at Normandy, and later in 1944 *Laffey* transferred to the Pacific Theater to join the US offensive against Japan.



Laffey was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and earned five battle stars.

USS Clamagore (SS 343), was built as a Balao class submarine by Electric Boat Co., Groton, CT. Commissioned too late to see action in World War II, she would serve the next 30 years during the Cold War.



The Cadets will depart Charleston on July 25 for the return to Cincinnati.

For more information about
Patriots Point, see the website: www.patriotspoint.org

The Sea Cadets need our help to make this trip possible!

Navy League Members and friends: you have the unique opportunity to sponsor a Sea Cadet to make this rendezvous with our Navy heritage. As a sponsor, you will receive a personal letter and photo of your Sea Cadet on board *USS Yorktown*.

See page 2 for information on how to sponsor a Sea Cadet for this trip.

Letter from the Council President

We can all be justly proud of the Cincinnati Council of the Navy League of the United States. Not only are we fulfilling our mission statement, we are also among the few councils with stable membership. We could do even better if we all recruited a new member this year.

The entire board works so hard to keep our momentum of success. The programs we offer are of the highest caliber, due in no small measure to our reputation as a very active and engaged organization. We support NJROTC and Sea Cadets as well. Our cooperation with the local Navy Reserve, the Naval Academy Alumni, the Miami University ROTC and Alumni, and other groups adds immeasurable to the richness of our programs.

The members also contribute tremendously to our efforts; many of our members attending every event and others presenting timely topics at our meetings. If you have not attended a luncheon or dinner lately, please make a point to come in the near future. Please also invite your family and friends to join us.

Not only do our luncheons offer interesting presentations, but also we have a great time visiting with others with a shared commitment to our national maritime agenda. We count as our friends all members of the Navy League and honor those who served or are serving in the Armed Forces. This support is all the more important with so many shipmates, family and friends in harm's way around the globe.

I look forward to seeing you soon at a Navy League function. To each of you we wish "fair winds and following seas".

Eric Minamyer
President

Sponsor a Sea Cadet for the Patriots Point Adventure!

Your gift of \$200 as a sponsor will defer the entire cost for a Sea Cadet to make the trip, including round trip bus transportation, costs to berth and mess aboard the museum ship *USS Yorktown*, meals en route, and other trip related expenses. Other gift amounts are welcome and will be pooled to defer the costs for other Cadets.

Please circle your choice:

Sponsor a Sea Cadet: \$200 Trip Patron: \$50 Other amount \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

To enable the Sea Cadets and their families plan for this trip, we ask that you send donations by April 1, 2010. Please make checks payable to "Cincinnati Division US Naval Sea Cadets Corps" and mail this form to:

**Cincinnati Division US Naval Sea Cadets Corps
Navy Operational Support Center
3190 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, Oh 45207**

All contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the IRS code. Our Sea Cadet unit qualifies as a non-profit organization, under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. See the unit web site for IRS certificate: <http://www.cincyseacadets.org/> The Sea Cadets Unit will provide a donation receipt for all gifts.

Navy Reservists Save Navy \$23 Million and Prevent Loss of Operational Availability

The submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS-40) suffered a boiler casualty while pier side in Guam in December 2006. The Cable, equipped with two boilers, was conducting steam testing of boiler safety valves when two steam generating tubes failed in boiler number 1A. This failure caused a sudden increase in steam pressure that ruptured the boiler's casing. Hot, saturated steam exploded out this rupture and filled the upper level of the fire room, killing three sailors and injuring two others instead of safely venting through the exhaust stack.

Naval Sea Systems Command's Ship's Support Engineering Services (NAVSEA SSES) immediately began an investigation to determine the root cause. This investigation determined that corrosion caused the failure in the steam generating tubes and that fabrication errors 26 years earlier rendered the boiler's casing unable to withstand the sudden increase in steam pressure.

SSES's solution was to inspect and clean all steam generating tubes and to reinforce the boiler casings on all 24 of the boilers in service fleet-wide. These boilers are common on submarine tenders and LHA and LCC amphibious ships. The cost for this repair is estimated at \$24 million. Repair efforts would require one month pier side for each ship.

NAVSEA maintains a stable of experts whose specific industry technical expertise and knowledge exceeds normal NAVSEA competencies. This stable of experts is comprised of engineering duty officers (EDOs) of the Naval Reserve and their program name is NAVSEA Technical Authority Support (TAS). VADM Kevin McCoy, the Chief Engineer for the Navy at the time of the incident, decided to employ two Navy Reserve EDOs of the Technical Authority Support program to investigate the Cable's boiler casualty in January of 2008. CDR Phillip Burnside, a Ph. D. in Mechanical Engineering and a structures expert and resident of Avon, Indiana, received orders to active duty to conduct an analysis of the Cable's boiler casualty. CDR Burnside is also a combat veteran from a 2006 tour in Baghdad, Iraq. He was joined on active duty by LCDR Brandon Larson of Cincinnati, Ohio, a licensed Marine Engineer/Professional Engineer. Their analysis and recommendations would provide VADM McCoy a second opinion.

Burnside and Larson's analysis concurred with all of the SSES's findings but provided a significantly different solution. These highly skilled Navy Reservists determined that corrosion was indeed the cause of the steam generating tubes failure and the boiler casing on the Cable was manufactured incorrectly. Inspection and cleaning of all steam generating tubes was recommended by both the SSES report and the Burnside and Larson report. Casing repair, however, is where Burnside and Larson diverged from the recommendations of the SSES. Burnside and Larson recommended visual inspection of the suspect areas on all 24 of the boilers in the Navy fleet. If fabrication errors are found, further inspection using ultra-sound imaging equipment would detail the scope of required repairs.

Burnside and Larson's recommendations were accepted by NAVSEA and implemented throughout calendar year 2008. This solution provided a cost savings of approximately \$23 million and a reduction in a ship's operational availability of only five days vice 30. If operationally necessary, completing these repairs at sea is possible if the subject ship is equipped with two shafts or another boiler without fabrication discrepancies.

According to CDR Burnside, their analysis would cost approximately \$250,000 if completed by a civilian firm. Completing this analysis required approximately nine days of service for both Burnside and Larson at a total cost of approximately \$10,000. Computer modeling through NAVSEA was utilized in the analysis. Combining the expertise of these Navy Reserve Engineering Duty Officers with NAVSEA's technology saved the Navy \$240,000 during production of this essential product.

At the time of this article's publication, no other boiler fabrication deficiencies have been found. CDR Burnside and LCDR Larson have been nominated for the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

LCDR Christian Schomaker
Commanding Officer, NOSC Cincinnati

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Miami NROTC Annual Presidential Review

The annual ROTC Presidential Review will be held on Saturday, 17 April in Millett Hall aboard Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The time is 1300 (1 PM).

At this formal military ceremony, selected members of the Naval ROTC, Air Force ROTC, and Army ROTC units will receive awards for their academic achievements and for demonstrated leadership in ROTC unit activities.

Council members should note that each year at the Presidential review the Greater Cincinnati Council council presents a Navy or Marine Corps officer's sword to a top graduating senior.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the ROTC units will march in review to honor the Miami President, Dr. David Hodge.

All Navy League members and friends of the Navy League are invited to attend. Please call the NROTC unit at 513-529-3700 for further information.

Sailor, Linguist, Cyclist...Spy

The Amazing WWII True Story of Cincinnati Native Frank Weishaupt

On March 10th, Mr Frank Weishaupt was the featured speaker at the joint USNA/Navy League Montgomery Inn luncheon. Well over 100 attendees were treated to one of most intriguing presentations ever.

Frank described growing up in a Cincinnati German immigrant family with a father who had served in the German Army in WWI. Speaking fluent German with no American accent, he joined the Navy as WWII started and was secretly funneled into the OSS. Shortly before D-day, he met personally with General Patton and Bill Donovan (OSS) in London.

Landing in France on D-day plus 2, Frank came ashore carrying a bicycle over his head, and a Swiss passport. From D-day until Germany's surrender, Frank was able to use his keen intellect and German language skills to travel freely behind German lines and in the battle zone. He described how he was able to mingle with the Germans to gather intelligence on German tank/troop movements.

In this harrowing tale, Frank described how he was able to return to the American side periodically and

relay info personally to General Patton. He was once prevented from talking to General Montgomery who was at his "afternoon tea."

Frank held the audience spellbound with detailed descriptions of several specific For example, he told us about a Frenchman recruited by the OSS turned out to be a German spy lured Frank and another OSS agent to a French Farm for dinner. A German soldier emerged from the barn with a grenade killing Franks OSS partner and wounding Frank. He was able to kill the German and the French OSS spy by pulling a pistol from his boot, the same boots he wore to this presentation 65 years later.

He also described escorting a young French woman home from a café one night because of her fear of German soldiers. Three Germans attacked them late in the evening. While one guarded Frank, the two others attacked the young woman. As the guard looked on, Frank was able to slit his throat with his dad's WWI knife, again hidden in the aforementioned boots. He then saved the young lady by shooting both

Germans between the eyes as they perpetrated their evil deed.

Frank has kept these stories secret for the past 65 years. After returning from the war, Frank quietly returned the knife he had borrowed from his Dad back to its shelf...his Dad used the knife for many years after to skin rabbits.

What a story...a book is in the works!



Frank Weishaupt (second from right) with Bob Saul, Navy League Director Emeritus, Tom Schram USNA '69 and DJ Crane USNA '72

By Gerry Motl
Council VP and
President of the Cincinnati Chapter,
USNA Alumni Association

Liberty Region 2010 Annual Meeting

The Liberty Region Annual Meeting will take place on April 16 and 17, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Air Force Reserve Base in Pittsburgh, Pa. The base is located at the Pittsburgh International Airport.

We will have multiple topics on the agenda, and I'm selecting topics that will hopefully be of interest to all Liberty Region Navy Leaguers. We will discuss membership and retention in the Areas, Region and Nationally along with Legislative Affairs, the new CSOP program and the Community Affiliate program.

We will have two National Vice Presidents, two region Area Presidents and two Region Vice Presidents in attendance. If possible Salvador Chairez, Senior Director of Membership, NLUS, HQ is hoping to join us. Amongst

other duties Salvador is responsible for the membership Data Base and the assignment of new members to councils. There will be time for Q and A's for all items on the agenda.

As usual, ALL members of the Navy League residing in the Liberty Region are most welcome and encouraged to attend! I hope to see all of you in Pittsburgh on the 17th, and if you can make it, for the dinner on the 16th. See the event application at <http://www.cincinnatiavyleague.com/documents.cfm>

Questions? Email me libertyregion@gmail.com, or call me at 216-226-4456.

Warm regards, Bill Keller, President, Liberty Region

Message from the Membership Committee

Do you have friends or neighbors who have an interest in the Naval Services? Ask them to join the Navy League. Use the form below.

Membership Application

Note: You may also apply on line, and pay by credit card:

<http://www.navyleague.org/membership/>

Application Type: New Member OR Renewing Member Member No. _____

Member Name:

Prefix: First Name _____ Middle Initial Last Name _____ Suffix _____

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Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

Home phone () _____ - _____ work phone () _____ - _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

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Individual One-Year: \$ 50.00
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Upcoming Council Events

- April - Mr. Lou Brothers, President, Valley Forge Composite Technologies -Luncheon, location to be announced
- May - Peter A. Burkhouse, Ohio Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer -Luncheon, location to be announced
- 15 June - LtGen, USMC John R. Allen, Deputy Commander, US Central Command - Luncheon, location to be announced
- 16 July - Blue Angels Practice Session at Dayton Airport, pending invitation
- Potential Mid July -ADM Tim Keating, USN (Ret.) - Dinner, location TBD
- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus - has accepted our invitation to speak to the council. (We'll announce the date and location when we get confirmation)