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14 New Officers for our Navy and Marine Corps



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2nd Lt David Dupay, ENS
Alexander Cobb, ENS
Brian Kuzara

Row 2 - 2nd Lt Jason St
Ana, 2nd Lt Craig Dangel,
ENS Tyler Hochschwender,
ENS Daniel Wood

Row 3 - 2nd Lt Joseph
Stamper, 2nd Lt Matthew
Jarratt, ENS Patrick Burel,
ENS Jonah Hein

Row 4 - 2nd Lt Jason Wahl,
ENS Christopher Myers

On 9 May 2010, fourteen young Americans joined a special group -- officers of the US Navy and US Marine Corps. After completing their bachelor's degrees and the required course of instruction, and upon recommendation of the Commanding Officer of the Miami University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC), these young men received their commissions at the Miami University Spring commencement ceremony.

The new Ensigns will embark on a set of assignments that reflect the range of modern Navy commitments and capabilities:

- ENS Alexander Cobb was selected to attend the Naval Special Warfare School in Coronado, CA
- ENS Brian Kuzara will join the Navy mine countermeasures force that uses the Sea Swap concept, where crews train together in the US using a unique crew name, and then relieve the crew of a mine countermeasures ship forward deployed overseas. ENS Kuzara will report to MCM CREW BULWARK as the First Lieutenant
- ENS Jonah Hein will report to USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98) as the First Lieutenant
- ENS Patrick Burel will report to flight school at NAS Pensacola, FL
- ENS Tyler Hochschwender will report to Naval Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC
- ENS Christopher Myers will report to USS RAMAGE (DDG 61) as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
- ENS Daniel Wood will report to flight school at NAS Pensacola, FL

All the new Marine Corps Second Lieutenants will report to The Basic School in Quantico, VA where they will join other recent graduates from the other NROTC units and the US Naval Academy. The Basic School is an intense six month program where the new officers learn the skills to the perform role of an infantry platoon commander. All marine officers, even those selected for flight school, first complete this training.

The new Second Lieutenants are Mark Petro, David Dupay, Jason St Ana, Craig Dangel, Joseph Stamper, Matthew Jarratt, and Jason Wahl.

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Lisa and Tony Gadaleta

Letter from the President

If you missed our last luncheon (June 15), it's a shame. We had a maximum capacity crowd to hear Lt. Gen. Allen speak about Afghanistan and Pakistan. As the Deputy Commander of Central Command, he is certainly well-qualified to expound on the subject of building the peace in that region. In addition to impressive credential, he is also a gifted orator. He tailored his remarks to Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Navy League. He adroitly handled two very tough questions from the audience, all that the schedule allowed. The General graciously remained in the room to meet with individual members following the formal program.

If Program Director Bob Saul has his way, General Allen will be returning to our council to speak again. Bob has done a terrific job lining up speakers. In this case we had Jim Gallagher of Centerville and a USNA Graduate to thank for the General's visit. The main point is that the programs we offer are always insightful and relevant.

Our council has grown slightly in the last year, owing in no small part to the efforts of Tony Gadaleta, the Membership Chair and his committee. We ask that each of you bring a guest to the luncheon and encourage them to join. We have membership applications on the tables at each event.

The mission of the Navy League is to educate the public about the maritime services. Our Cincinnati council works very hard to bring the best information to you in a timely manner. We also support the Sea Cadets, who were featured on the front page of the Enquirer as a unit in the Memorial Day parade.

It continues to be my honor to serve as your president. As I often say it is an easy job because the team is so well organized and engaged. Remember though that it is the members that keep us strong. If we can increase our membership we increase our reach. Keep up the good work everyone. See you at the next event.

Eric Minamyser
Council President

LTGEN General Allen Speaks to Council About Current CENTCOM Situation

by Gerry Mott
Council VP and President of the Cincinnati Chapter,
USNA Alumni Association

On June 15th, a sellout crowd of USNA Alumni and Navy Leaguers were honored to have Lieutenant General John R. Allen, Deputy Commander, U. S. Central Command and USNA '76, speak at our monthly luncheon. Introductions were made by Steve Carrington USNA '92 and Jim Gallagher USNA '57. Steve described how General Allen had been one of Steve's USNA instructors and the effect General Allen had on Steve and his career. Jim completed the intro, citing General Allen's long family history in Ohio and Cincinnati.

General Allen delivered an excellent presentation on the role of the Central Command in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He provided a lucid description of the situation on the ground in Afghanistan and we were all encouraged by his comments and prognosis for success. We can all be proud and thankful that our country has individuals with General Allen's ability and character in such positions of authority.



Eric Minamyser, LTGEN Allen, Jim Gallagher



LTGEN Allen makes a point

Sea Cadet Corner



The Cincinnati Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets is enjoying an exciting Spring. Two of their adult staff, Instructors Bill Greenwald and Sherrienne Swartz, have been advanced to the rank of Ensign. Commander McAndrews and his staff have committed to the Patriots Point trip this summer in large part to the generous contribution of Navy League members. Cadets who normally would not have been able to afford the cost are now going to enjoy a wonderful navy/maritime adventure this July! (Editor's note: Council members and friends can still make a contribution to support this even. Please see the council website for the 1st Qtr edition of THE LANDLINE for further information about contributing for this event.)

Cadets participated in two exciting training opportunities in May. On May 1-2, the cadets participated in 'Lunken Days Air Show'. The color guard presented the colors during both days opening ceremonies. Public attendance was low due to the rain, but the cadets shined standing side-by-side with Navy recruiters. The Sea Cadets now have several potential recruits as a result of this event.

On May 22, the Navy League's own Jim Grever hosted the cadets for a Cowan Lake Sailing Day. The big-hearted Cowan Lake Association provided five skippers and their craft for a full day of instruction, competition, and awards. Everyone agreed that sailing is such technical sport that an annual event is an absolute must!

Perhaps you saw our cadets on the front page of the Memorial Day edition of the Cincinnati Enquirer. Read about their eventful weekend in our next edition!



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Upcoming Events

- 16 July – Blue Angels Practice, Dayton Airport. Attendees must agree to specific conditions. Registration and prepayment required. The first 200 paid registrations will be able to attend.
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- 17 -18 July – Blue Angels will be the featured performers at the Dayton Air Show – (note that this is not a Council event. If you attend, you will need to purchase a ticket at the gate)
- 18 July – Change of Command, Navy Operational Support Center, 3190 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, OH – 2:00 pm
- 18 July – Dinner meeting with VADM Dirk Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve; location will be the Queen City Club.
- In planning – Sonny Masso, RADM (Ret.), Sr. VP, SAIC: (August or September)
- In planning – SECNAV Ray Mabus: possible dates: October 6-9, 11-14, 16, or 18-19