

# ANCHOR LINE

**SARASOTA – MANATEE COUNCIL OF THE NAVY LEAGUE**  
**MARCH-JUNE 2018**

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## **Sarasota Manatee Council of the Navy League Special Donation Match Opportunity!**

**24 Hour Online Fund Drive May 1st - May 2nd, 2018.**

A special opportunity has been presented to our organization through The Community Foundation of Sarasota Giving Challenge. During the Giving Challenge all unique donations online to the Sarasota Manatee Council of the Navy League will be matched up to \$100 by the Patterson Foundation!

**\$25 becomes \$50, \$50 becomes \$100, \$100 becomes \$200!**

Here is how to help:

**Dates: Noon on May 1st to 1159 am on May 2nd, 2018**

- 1. Go online to [www.givingpartnerchallenge.org](http://www.givingpartnerchallenge.org)**
- 2. Search for: Sarasota Manatee Council of the Navy League**
- 3. Donate at least \$25 (unique donations up to \$100 will be matched).**

**Please join us in this effort to support the Sarasota Manatee Council of the Navy League and encourage your friends, family and associates to donate. Thank you for your support!**

## **Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendar**

**April 18 ----Lunch at Plantation Golf and CC, Venice FL**

**May1-2---Giving Challenge**

**May 23 –Dinner at Bird Key YC Speaker TBD**

## **Membership**

We have 165 Council members on board as of end of March 2018

## Naval War College Lecture



On February 15 at the Bradenton Yacht Club, the Council sponsored lectures by two distinguished professors from the Naval War College in Newport RI as part of the Naval War College Foundation's initiative to raise awareness of the Naval War College's mission and purpose. Dr. David R. Stone, PhD. Professor of Strategy & Policy presented "Russia and the U.S. – The View from the Kremlin" and Dr. Richard J. Norton, PhD. Professor of National Security Affairs presented "U.S. Aircraft Carrier Vulnerabilities". They were introduced by our Council's own George Hofmann and accompanied by members of the Naval War College Foundation's Development team. Over eighty persons were in attendance for these provocative presentations relating to strategic concerns within the Naval community.

## February Dinner Meeting



On Wednesday night February 28 at Bird Key Yacht Club the combined forces of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and the Sarasota Manatee Council of the Navy League had a joint dinner meeting with RADM Steven Horton JAGC USN(ret) as the featured speaker. The Sarasota Manatee Council hosted the event and provided the volunteers to arrange the meeting and collect money and provided the gift of Tervis Tumblers for the speaker. Marty Donner, First VP of the Sarasota Manatee Council gave the invocation and pledge and Florida Suncoast Chapter President Al Burda welcomed the nearly 90 attendees. Inez Bly was the winner of the 50-50 and she donated her winnings back to the Council's Scholarship Fund. After a delicious dinner, Al Burda introduced RADM Horton who addressed the large crowd of nearly 90 Council Members and USNA Alumni and guests with an analysis of the two recent collisions in Asia involving the US Destroyers McCain and Fitzgerald. Attendees were captivated by the in-depth presentation which addressed all aspects of the collisions from the events and situations which led up to them to the actual tracks of the ships and the aftermaths. There were a lot of questions and opinions voiced by attendees who in large part were knowledgeable in matters maritime.

## March Dinner Meeting



Nearly 60 Council members and guests heard Captain Holly Najarian USCG, Commander Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg speak about Coast Guard operations in the Gulf and along the Gulf Coast. She also spoke about her responsibilities as Captain of the Port of Tampa and the complex preparations the Coast Guard made for Hurricane Irma and the coordination necessary to deal with the hurricane's uncertain track. After dinner BMCS Wainscott, O in C of USCG Station Cortez presented the Cortez SOQ to BM3 Shawn Boyd. XPO of Cutter Tarpon Ben Foster was recognized for his advancement from BM1 to BMC and he presented the Tarpon SOQ to MK2 Zachary Wilson.



### Dear Navy League Members & Friends:

As I say so long to our seasonal members I look forward to their return. I would also like to welcome our new members transferred in from their San Diego membership. On behalf of the Board members, I hope the monthly dinners and speakers have continued to be enjoyable and informative. As you may have already learned there will not be a golf tournament this year. As our April Board meeting approaches, we look forward to reviewing a bold, new strategic plan that advances our mission; I look forward to the recommendations.

- **Membership** nationwide is not what it has been in the past, so we must do our part locally by recruiting members whenever we come upon someone that may be willing to join and support what we do.

- **Our financial health is strong.** This year we will once again be participating in the giving challenge which will certainly help as we move towards a budget that will be self-sustaining for the future.

- **We remain a great council.** We continue to provide scholarships and financial support to local youth organizations and assistance to US Coast Guard vessels and stations, while being a contributing partner with our community.

Finally, as board members, we appreciate our role as advocates and stewards of a great Navy League Council as the honor that it is. On behalf of my fellow board members I thank you for your participation and commitment to making Sarasota-Manatee Council all that it is today and will be tomorrow.

Thank you.

*Dennis Turner*



**NAVY LEAGUE  
Of the United States**

**VISION STATEMENT**

The Navy League of the United States will be the preferred resource for the education of the United States Congress and the American public on our sea services.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Navy League of the United States is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the people and their government that the United States of America is maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well-being are dependent upon strong services – United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and United States Merchant Marine

**GOALS**

- \* Educate national leaders and the nation
- \* Support the men & women of the sea services
- \* Support youth programs
- \* Provide assistance to sea service families

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**THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS**

We are thankful to Inez Bly for her recent donation to the Council to support our JROTC Units at Venice and North Port High Schools, USCG Cortez, USCG Cutters TARPON and RESOLUTE, SEA CADETS, YOUNG MARINES

# NEWS FROM OUR ADOPTED AND SUPPORTED UNITS

## VENICE YOUNG MARINES/ IMAGINE SCHOOL YOUNG MARINES/ MARITIME EAGLES SEA CADETS



Venice Middle Young Marines, SMA Prep, Imagine School at North Port Young Marines and Sea Cadets have just wrapped up a season of “Raider” competitions that mark the inaugural season of a middle school level Raider league that was first proposed by our friends at SMA Prep. These events mirror high school level Raider events that are a cornerstone of JROTC units nationwide. Sarasota Military has previously won national championships in these events so when their leader Master Sergeant Johnny Browning proposed the idea of conducting these events at the middle school level, our units were eager to join up and learn about the competitions. Raider events incorporate obstacle courses, team running races, relays that incorporate mental and physical challenges and a ton of team work and esprit de corps. The first event of the season was hosted in the Fall by Venice Middle with SMA and Imagine School hosting their events in February and March respectively. Sea Cadets will host an event in the upcoming 2018-19 season. The events have been a great success and have gone a long way towards linking up the four units and their cadres. The competitive spirit and sportsmanship displayed by the units is truly an inspiration to all.

## NORTH PORT HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC



The year has been busy with no slow-down in sight. NPHS NJROTC began its Orienteering season in January and competed in four events. Although the sport was new to NPHS NJROTC, Military Instructor Senior Chief Bill Rennie was very familiar with the sport and the unit has done well so far. In February, NPHS hosted its first event. In this sport, participating units send out small groups of cadets, 1 minute apart and they are armed with a compass and a map that have only 45 seconds to study. They have to race to various markers, electronically 'check in' and finish the course having hit the markers in the correct order. Best time wins! There were four

different 'trails' on the course that varied in difficulty with the experience of the runners. NPHS claimed our first trophies in this meet. Third in the most difficult course and third overall. The unit supported the Brian Bill foundation at the third annual 'Future Defenders of America' and it was a major fundraiser for the unit as well. Presentations were made at the Military Ball on 16 March, 2018. The next event was the Reserve Officer Association award dinner on 21 March. where Cadet Lt(jg) Mathew Weinberger was recognized as one of the top cadets in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties. On deck is a cadet Change of Command and the advance training program for this summer's Leadership and Sail Academies cadets. The Annual awards ceremony will be held at NPHS Performing Arts Center on 25 April 2018 at 1200. All are welcome to attend but CDR Bartek requests that anyone wishing to attend should let him so that he can arrange for an escort you to the event. Pictured above the unit from the Orienteering meet and Cadet LT(jg) Weinberger and his father, Dennis and mother, Jennifer with LtCol Tessa, USAFR (ret.).

### SEA CADETS—MARITIME EAGLES DIVISION

Our Maritime Eagles Division continues to excel and grow as a unit. To date we have 24 Sea cadets (age 13-18) and 8 League Cadets (age 10-13). The unit is eagerly anticipating the possibility of being commissioned as a unit this summer. The second Sunday of each month the cadets can be seen serving breakfast at the American Legion Kirby Stuart Post in Bradenton as they continue fund raising for next year's trip to Normandy, France. Last month the unit was inspected by the Regional Directors CDR. Gail Ryan and CDR. Kevin MacFarland who stated that "had the unit been commissioned they would be in the running for number one." Additionally, the cadets participated in Junior Raider competition against Young Marines and SMA cadets earning six awards. The Maritime Eagles will continue recruiting efforts to achieve the number of 25 cadets at which point we can become a commissioned unit in the US Navy Sea Cadet Corps.



Legion Breakfast Team



March Whites Inspection



Jr. Raider Competition