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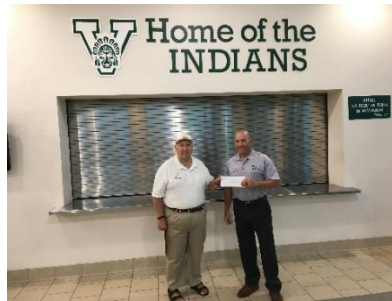
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YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTED & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Sarasota Manatee Council continues to give out academic scholarships to deserving students and funds to supported units. On June 6, Treasurer and Board Member Jerry St. Germain gave Venice HS MCJROTC Senior Military Instructor Capt. Dean Krom USMC (ret) a check for \$1500 on behalf of the Council. Also, Scholarship Committee Members Steve Bartek, Dick Petrucci and Al Burda awarded Academic Scholarship Certificates worth \$1000 to Cadets Jonathan Dreier and Carson Hurley. Jonathan will attend The Citadel in the Fall and Carson will attend the U of North Florida. Jonathan's and Carson's fathers were present. Congratulations to Carson and Jonathan!!!



Jerry St. Germain and Dean Krom



Dick Petrucci, Carson Hurley and Steve Bartek and Al Burda



Mr. Hurley, Carson Hurley and Dean Krom



Dick Petrucci, Jonathan Dreier and Steve Bartek and Al Burda



Mr. Dreier, Jonathan Dreier and Dean Krom

On June 9, on behalf of the Sarasota Manatee Council, Treasurer and Board Member Jerry St. Germain gave Principal John Halcomb and Senior Military Instructor Steve Black (right) a support check for \$500 for the North Port Imagine School Young Marines as Military Instructor Chuck Raposa (left) looks on. Also, Scholarship Committee Member Al Burda awarded an Academic Scholarship Certificate worth \$1000 to YM Emma Forcier as her parents and friends looked on. Council Vice President Dennis Turner and Scholarship Committee Member Steve Bartek were also in attendance. Emma will attend Appalachian State University in the Fall. Congratulations Emma! Wishing you all the best in your studies.



Chuck Raposa, Jerry St. Germain and John Halcomb and Steve Black



Chuck Raposa, Al Burda, Emma Forcier, John Halcomb, Mrs. Forcier, and Steve Black



Steve Bartek, Emma Forcier, Steve Black and Dennis Turner

On June 15, on behalf of the Council, Board Member Al Burda gave LTJg Dennis Turner USNSCC, Commanding Officer of the Maritime Eagles Sea Cadet Division a check for \$1000 to support Sea Cadet activities. Also, Scholarship Committee Member Dick Petrucci presented an Academic Scholarship Certificate worth \$1000 to Naval Sea Cadet Corps Petty Officer Second Class Holly Carfley. Holly will attend State College of Florida and then University of South Florida to major in Marine Biology. Holly's proud mother, Jacquie and sister Elyssa were present. Congratulations to Holly! Bravo Zulu!



Dennis Turner and Al Burda



Dick Petrucci, Holly and Dennis Turner



Dick Petrucci, Holly, Jacquie and Elyssa Carfley

On June 11, Jerry St. Germani (center) and Al Burda (left) presented a check for \$500 to CAPT Fred Thompson USN (ret), Commander of the Venice Middle School Young Marines. Semper Fi!



**Al Burda, Jerry St. Germani
And Fred Thompson**

On June 4, Board Member Steve Bartek presented a \$1500 check to Vice Principal Julie King and Military Instructor AMCS (AW) William Rennie USN (ret)(on left) and Senior Military Instructor LCDR Dempsey Barnes USN (ret) of North Port HS NJROTC(on right) .



Senior Chief Rennie, Julie King, Steve Bartek and Dempsey Barnes

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE SUMMER SEMINAR

So, are you looking for some intellectual enlightenment? Are you tired of watching daytime TV?

Well, here's something that may interest you.... because of COVID-19, this year's Naval War College Foundation Newport Summer Symposium will be held virtually (on-line) on Friday, August 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. *Eastern* time and you can register and listen in and even ask questions for free! You don't need to be a Naval War College graduate or a member of the Naval War College Foundation to register for this genuine stimulus to your "gray matter". Although there is no cost, the Naval War College Foundation would not mind if you made a donation, however. You will remember the great speakers that the Naval War College Foundation brought down from Newport a few years ago.

This year's event theme is "U.S. Strategic Considerations for an Effective Foreign Policy."

Part One of the two-part event features a keynote address from Admiral Michael S. Rogers, former Director, National Security Agency and Commander, U.S. Cyber Command.

Part Two of the event features a discussion between:

Dr. Yvonne Chiu, U.S. Naval War College Associate Professor, Strategy & Policy Department, and Mr. Michael Zezas, Morgan Stanley, Head of U.S. Public Policy and Municipal Credit Strategy.

There will be question and answer opportunities so that you may participate in each, as well as a brief break between Parts One and Two.

If you are interested, please register for the event here:

<https://www.wirestream.tv/customer/nwcf/2020/08-21/>



Once again, I hope this issue of *Anchor Line* finds you, and yours, safe and healthy. In terms of the pandemic and our Council's activity, little has changed since my last letter in May.

On a happier note: Some of you may have seen an interesting article by Billy Cox in the Sarasota *Herald-Tribune* on July 13. It was front-page news and featured the life and military exploits of then-Captain Ralph Franklin, USMC. Ralph, who often attends our Council social events, and who turned 100 in July and is one of a *very* few Marines still alive, who fought in the WWII battle at Guadalcanal. It was a terrific article and a reminder of the many heroes that live among us, to whom we owe so much. Here's a photo of Ralph (on the left) at last year's Marine Corps Birthday Dinner as the oldest Marine with LTG William Beydler USMC(ret) and the youngest Marine, Young Marine LCpl Oliver cutting the Marine Corps Birthday Cake.



I wish I could give our membership a glimpse of what our Council's future holds, but I cannot. If you are like Nel and me, you miss the opportunity to gather every month or so, listen to interesting speakers, and enjoy the company of like-minded folks. But that is not likely to happen again in the next several months, given the current pandemic situation. Unfortunately, I believe there is NO likelihood of our having our Navy or Marine Corps birthday celebrations this Fall, but in the background, we will continue to work (remotely) on the good things we do: Next year's scholarships; USCG sailors of the quarter; support for our youth programs and more.

And who knows: Maybe in the Spring, we'll be able to hold a golf tournament fund-raiser, and start getting things back on an even keel. I certainly hope so.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

Tim Rocklein

2020 President

NO NAVY LEAGUE PROPOSED MEETINGS FOR REMAINDER OF 2020

SARASOTA MANATEE COUNCIL
of the NAVY LEAGUE of the United States
OUR VISION STATEMENT

We seek to be a reliable and helpful source of information to the public and governmental leaders about sea service issues and a known and respected civilian supporter and resource to local active duty sea service units and organizations and local sea service youth organizations

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our Council's Mission is to support America's sea services: Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and US - flag Merchant Marine in Southwest Florida. We do this through: local programs and meetings where our Council provides a voice to educate the public and local members of Congress on the importance of our Sea Services to our nation's defense, well-being and economic prosperity and :to support to our active Sea services personnel such as the U.S. Coast Guard and their families youth programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Junior ROTC and Young Marines, that expose young people to the values of our sea services.

OUR GOALS

To enhance the morale of local sea service personnel and their families through national and council level programs. We:

- * 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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 *National Director& President of Florida Central Area.

NAVY LEAGUE BENEFITS

NLUS has been working hard to increase member benefits. Many of you are unaware of your NAVY League benefits. Here is a link to the member benefits page. <https://www.navyleague.org/member-resources/login?bm=1163047980>

FINANCE

We have \$11,000.30 in our checkbook We are well positioned to meet our financial needs for this fiscal year. In addition, at the end of March we had \$118,075.47 in our Endowment.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership remains at 101

NEWS FROM OUR ADOPTED AND SUPPORTED UNITS

COAST GUARD-CUTTER RESOLUTE

Cutter Resolute had a Change of Command on June 11. Captain Roy Brubaker was relieved by Commander Justin Vanden Heuvel. Subsequently, the XO, LCDR Jake McMillan was relieved by LCDR Ryan Ball. Welcome to both. Captain Brubaker's new duty station is in Alameda CA where he will be the Coast Guard's top law enforcement official in California. LCDR McMillan will be the Coast Guard Liaison to the Bahamas. To follow the activities of the Resolute please access their facebook page at: www.facebook.com/UsCoastGuardCutterResolute

COAST GUARD-CUTTER BRANT

The XPO of the Brant, Eric Wiczorek has detached and was installed in June as the Officer-in-Charge at Station Calumet Harbor near Chicago. The new XPO of Brant is BM1 Walter Urban. We look forward to working with him.

COAST GUARD--STATION CORTEZ

While most of us have been sidelined by the Covid precautions, the personnel of Coast Guard Station Cortez have been busy. This is the time of year when they transfer individuals to new duty stations and receive onboard new personnel. In addition, they recently had a rescue situation from a burning boat in the area and have continued to do training ops. You can stay abreast of their activities by checking their facebook page at: www.facebook.com/coastguardcortez

