

Greetings Navy League Members,

I wanted to reach out and highlight a few things taking place just since the new year began.

USCGC RESOLUTE is back from her recent deployment. The link to their own periodic newsletter, Hammerhead, is [on our web site](#).

Highlights, some of which made national news:

- Highly successful drug interdiction efforts. See the news release [here](#).
- Passage through the Panama Canal
- Crossing of the equator
- Special holiday events as they were gone from families during the holiday season, which we all enjoyed at home

I also wanted to report that the council again participated in the memorial service for those lost in the USCGC BLACKTHORN tragedy 44 years ago. This was a solemn and fitting tribute wherein Atlantic Area Commander Vice Admiral Lunday described how the Coast Guard applied countless lessons learned to improve in the ensuing decades since the event.



Our Navy League National President, Chris Townsend, joined us for our January Dinner and shared inspiring remarks about the health of the organization and the vibrancy of its mission in today's world.



[Our calendar](#) remains updated on the website. Check back regularly as it is updated nearly every week.

Last note, next up is our March 27th Annual Sea Services Heroes Celebration Dinner at Sarabay Country Club.

See the event [flyer here](#), and read the directions for registration carefully.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

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