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**General Membership Meeting: Come and join us on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 and hear a representative from the Navy's PEO Integrated Warfare Systems (IWS) and learn about the status of new integrated warfare systems for the Fleet and Navy's open architecture program.**



## **Book Signing by Admiral James L. Holloway III, USN (Ret.)**

In addition to our regular program, Admiral James L. Holloway III, USN (Ret), Chief of Naval Operations in 1974-1978 will be on hand during the social hour to sign copies of his new book "*Aircraft Carriers at War*, published by the U.S. Naval Institute. We will have a limited number of copies on hand available to members who desire to purchase them. Admiral Holloway currently is Chairman, Naval Historical Foundation.

( Photo courtesy of the Navy Historical Center )

He retired in 1978 as the 20<sup>th</sup> Chief of Naval Operations after 39 years of active service in the U.S. Navy, during which he served in combat in three wars. A 1942 graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy, his subsequent assignments included duty on destroyers in the Atlantic and Pacific during World War II, as a carrier jet fighter pilot in the Korean War and Commanding Officer of the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN-65) during combat operations in Vietnam. (Payment for the books to be made to NOVA Council, NLUS by check or cash.)

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**When:** Wednesday, May 9, 2007

**Purpose:** May 2007 General Membership Meeting

**Where:** Navy League Headquarters Conference Center, 2300 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.

**Time:** **6:30 pm** – “No host” social time, cash bar. Book signing by Admiral Holloway.

**7:15 pm** – Dinner – Italian buffet catered by Listrani's Restaurant.

**8:00 pm** – Brief council business session, followed by program by PEO/IWS.

**Program:** A representative of the Navy Program Executive Office, Integrated Warfare Systems

**Cost:** Approximately \$20.00 per person – pay at door, Cash or check. (Check preferred, payable to NLUS NOVA Council.)

**Reservations:** By noon, Tuesday, May 8, 2007. Visit [www.novanavyleague.org](http://www.novanavyleague.org) or send email to Darren Cubell at [N4VVV@arrl.net](mailto:N4VVV@arrl.net) or call 1-818-477-4333. If after making a reservation you find that you are unable to attend, please telephone us your cancellation.

**Parking:** Free parking on the street after 6:00 p.m., or after 5:00 p.m. in county garage across Clarendon Blvd. Parking in NLUS garage \$10.00 for arrivals prior to 6:00 pm; \$6.00 for arrivals after 6:00 pm. Enter garage from N Adams Street on west side of building. Or, use Metro (Orange Line) to Court House Station...

**Meeting Highlights – General Membership Meeting, March 14, 2007.** A NOVA Council General Membership meeting was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at the Navy League’s Headquarters Conference Center, 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. 45 members and guests were present...

-Council President John Camp recognized Flag Officers, active and retired, who were present and recognized new members and guest.

-Treasurer Nancy Gorell stated that we had a balance of \$19,524.04 in the Council’s checking account. (The account balance did not reflect a recent deposit of \$3,000 from membership dues rebates from National HQ. Nancy placed a copy of the current online bank statement on each table for members to review.

- Nancy Gorell, VP, Ship Liaison informed attendees of the recent event in Alexandria, VA where NOVA Council hosted the CO, Chief of Boat, outstanding Division Officer of the Year and Outstanding Sailors of Quarter and Year of USS Alexandria at Pat Troy’s in Olde Towne Alexandria. Nancy encouraged Council members to plan ahead for next year’s event to have a strong representation to welcome crew members from our adopted ship,

- John Camp displayed a signed and framed photo of USS Alexandria which had been presented to the Council by the Commanding Officer of USS Alexandria, CDR Mike Bernacchi, USN.

- Jim Offutt, VP, Programs, introduced RADM Alan B. Hicks, USN, Program Director, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, Missile Defense Agency. RADM Hicks gave an outstanding presentation on the status and future of the Aegis-based ballistic missile defense program, followed by a short question and answer session. Following the briefing, Jim Offutt presented a copy of the Navy League History Book to RADM Hicks.

- A raffle of USS Alexandria items, wine and a comforter was conducted. Proceeds will be forwarded to support the MWR projects of the USS Alexandria Wives Club.

- Jim Offutt announced that the next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2007. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



(Above, L to R) LCDR Sly Steele, USN (Executive Assistant to RADM Hicks), LCDR Roger Canp, USN (MDA Staff), John Camp (NOVA Council President), Jim Offutt (Council VP, Programs), RADM Alan B. Hicks, USN (Director, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, MDA), and CDR Gordon White (Aegis BMD Staff, MDA).

(Photo by Fred Gorell )



(Above) Jim Offutt, VP Programs, presented a Navy League History Book to RADM Hicks.

(Photo by Darren Cubell )



(Left) Nancy and Fred Gorell with USS Alexandria raffle items.

(Photo by Darren Cubell )



(Above) The buffet line.

(Photo by Darren Cubell )

**NOVA Council's Adopted Submarine USS ALEXANDRIA in the Arctic Ice in ICEEX 2007**



(March 17, 2007)  
Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Hon. Dr. Donald C. Winter greets USS Alexandria (SSN-757) Commanding Officer, CDR Michael Bernacchi, USN and Chief of the Boat, Electronics Technician Master Chief (SS) Wes Koshoffer, USN during ICEX-07. The U.S. and Royal Navy conducted ICEX-07 on and under a drifting ice floe about 180 nautical miles off the north coast of Alaska.

( U.S. Navy photo by CMCS Shawn P. Eklund )



(Above) NOVA Council President, John Camp signs a State of Virginia T-shirt to be presented to the USS Virginia Commanding Officer CDR Todd Cramer during his change of command ceremony in late April 2007. Others who signed the shirt included Nancy Gorell, VP, Ship Liaison, USS Virginia Sponsor Mrs. Lynda J. Robb (the daughter of the late President Lyndon Johnson, and wife of former Virginia Governor and Senator Robb, and current Virginia Senators John Warner and James Webb). The shirt was folded and framed for presentation.

( Photo by Nancy Gorell )

**(Below) 2007 Submarine Ball at Groton, CT**



(Left) When the Commanding Officer of our adopted submarine USS Alexandria was concerned that his sub would be deployed during the Submarine Ball in Groton, CT, he asked NOVA Council Director (Public Relations) if he would be the Submarine Ball "date" for 10 unescorted officers' wives. It was an offer Fred couldn't refuse. Fred happily sat at the table of USS Alexandria wives, while his wife, Nancy Gorell, VP, Ship Liaison sat at the next table with couples from our other adopted submarine, USS Virginia.

( Photo by Nancy Gorell )



(Above) NOVA Council VP, Ship Liaison, Nancy Gorell had an opportunity to visit the USS Virginia in port at the Naval Submarine Base, Groton, CT. Virginia's Commanding Officer, CDR Todd Cramer shows Nancy the sub's command center.

( Photo by Fred Gorell )

# Council President's Column



Janet Mescus (L), Senior Director Communications, NLUS and John Camp (R), President, NOVA Council at SAS-07 Press Room

(Photo by Darren Cubell)

## Coming Events:

Next NOVA Council  
General Membership  
Meeting – Sept 12, 2007

2007 NLUS Annual  
Convention, Palm  
Desert, CA – Oct 30-  
Nov 4, 2007

The Navy League's 2007 Sea-Air-Space Exposition (SAS-2007) was a great success, with approximately 10,000 attendees and 150 exhibitors. NOVA Council members who attended included John Camp, Darren Cubell, Bill Erickson, LtGen Earl Hailston, USMC (Ret), Marge Holtz, Jim Offutt, Dave Oliver and Michael Rice. (There may have been others.) Marge Holtz ran the Press Room and John Camp helped staff the Press Room where more than 130 media reporters and photographers were issued credentials during the three day event. Jim Offutt escorted VIP attendees.

National President John Panneton pointed out in *Seapower* that the major theme emerging from the SAS Exposition included the need to strengthen the acquisition processes of the Sea Services and to improve collaboration between the military services and allied forces in view of the terrorist attacks that are a certain part of America's future. NOVA Council continues to focus on the future, and to learn from the past.

I take this opportunity to salute NOVA Council's 2007 officers and directors and our members. Your support, your encouragement, your ideas and your enthusiasm will help us move forward to better support the Sea Services.

Please contact me at (703) 241-0972 or [NOVANLUS@aol.com](mailto:NOVANLUS@aol.com) with your ideas and suggestions for NOVA Council.

Sincerely,

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