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General Membership Annual Meeting and Election of Officers: Come and join us on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 and meet and install our new NOVA Council Officers and Directors for 2008. Hear Rear Admiral Allen G. Myers, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV N88) and learn about the status of the Navy's Air Warfare systems for the Fleet.

Rear Admiral Allen G. Myers

Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV N88)



A 1978 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Northern Virginia native, Rear Admiral Al Myers is the Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV N88). He recently completed a tour as Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CCSG) 8. As CCSG-8, he commanded Expeditionary Strike Force 5th Fleet, Combined Task Force 50, Combined Task Force 152 and the *Eisenhower* Carrier Strike Group during an extended deployment in support of Operations *Iraqi Freedom* and *Enduring Freedom* 2006/2007. Prior to that assignment, Rear Adm. Myers served in flag tours as the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and Deputy Director for Requirements, Assessments Division (OPNAV N81D).

He is a 1988 graduate of the Naval Command and Staff College, and holds master's degrees in National Security Affairs from the Naval War College and Salve Regina University.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- When:** Wednesday, January 9, 2008
Purpose: Jan 2008 General Membership Meeting, Annual Meeting and Election and Installation of 2008 NOVA Council Officers and Directors
Where: Navy League Headquarters Conference Center, Ground Floor. 2300 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.
Time: 6:30 pm – “No host” social time, cash bar
7:15 pm – Dinner – Italian buffet catered by Listrani’s Restaurant.
8:00 pm – Annual Meeting for election and installation of 2008 Council Officers and Directors, followed by program by Director, Air Warfare Division, (OPNAV N88)
Program: Rear Admiral Allen G. Myers, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, (OPNAV N88).
Cost: Dinner \$25.00 per person – pay at door, Cash or check. (Check preferred, payable to NLUS NOVA Council.)

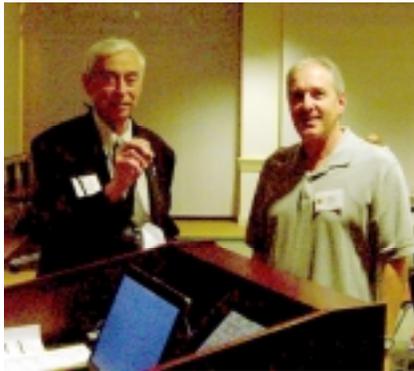
Reservations: By noon, Tuesday, May 8, 2007. Visit www.novanavyleague.org or send email to Duane Wills at duanewills@cox.net or call (703) 281-3708. If after making a reservation you find that you are unable to attend, please telephone your cancellation to Duane Wills at (703) 281-3708..

Parking: Free parking on the street after 6:00 p.m., or after 5:00 p.m. in the 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...

**NLUS, Northern Virginia Council
2008 Slate for Officers and Directors**

The NOVA Council Nominating Committee composed of Jim Offutt (Chair), Nancy Gorell and Stewart Reuter have submitted the following slate of NOVA Council Officers and Directors for 2008:

Position	Name
President	John Camp
VP, Administration/Secretary	Michael Rice
Treasurer	Nancy Gorell
VP, Programs	James Offutt
VP, Ship Liaison	Nancy Gorell
Judge Advocate	Robert Haemer
VP, IT & Web Site	Duane Wills
Director (Public Relations)	Fred Gorell
Director (Membership)	Michael Schlitzer
Director	Rachel Wills
Director	Darren Cubell
Director	Chuck Davis
Director	Roger Hood
Director	R. Pierce Johnson
Director	Carl Jones
Director	Dorothy Harmon
Director	Stewart Reuter



(Above) Stephen Russo (R), NOVA Council Member received a 2006 National President's Recruiting Pin for excellence in recruiting NLUS members. John Camp, NOVA Council President (L) accepted the pin from the National President at the National Convention and presented it to Steve at the November 14, 2007 Council meeting. BRAVO ZULU Steve!

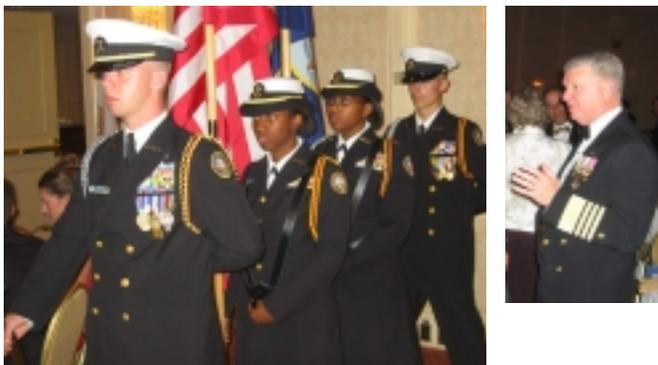


Above: Nancy Gorell, Vice President, Ship Liaison and Member USS ARLINGTON Commissioning Committee being interviewed by a Radio Station WTOP reporter during Freedom Walk on September 11, 2007 concerning the future commissioning of USS ARLINGTON (LPD-24).

NOVA Council Hosts Rear Admiral Mary Landry, USCG, Director of Congressional and Public Affairs at November 14, 2007 Meeting



Pictured above, left to right: John R. Camp, President, NOVA Council; Nancy Gorell, Vice-President, Ship Liaison; Rear Admiral Mary Landry, USCG, Director of Congressional and Public Affairs, USGG and Jim Offutt, Vice President, Programs, NOVA Council, at the General Membership meeting on November 14, 2007. Rear Admiral Landry updated the Council on the many challenges facing the Coast Guard., including ship building, traditional missions such as maritime safety and new mission created by the global war on terror. She also mentioned USCG efforts to mitigate the oil spill in San Francisco Bay.



NOVA Council sponsored a table at the 2007 Navy Birthday Ball on Oct 19, 2007, for Verona High School's Navy JROTC Honor Guard, instructors and parents from Richmond, VA. Verona High School's Honor guard won first place in the statewide competition. The unit served as Honor Guard for the event. CNO, Admiral Gary Roughhead, USN, (above, right) visited the NJROTC table and personally congratulated each Honor Guard member. Jim Offutt, Becky Offutt and John Camp from NOVA Council attended the event.

Report from National Convention 2007

J. Michael McGrath was elected and installed as the new National President, NLUS.

The following NOVA Council members were elected or appointed:

President, Mid-Atlantic Region – Jim Offutt

President, National Capital Area - Nancy Gorell

National Directors – John Camp, Jim Offutt, Nancy Gorell, Stew Reuter and Duane Wills.

Chair, Maritime Policy Committee – Jim Offutt.

Chair. Marine Corps Affairs Committee – Earl Hailston;

Chair. Public Education Committee - Nancy Gorell.

Council President's Column



J .Michael McGrath, new National President, at NLUS 2007 Convention in Palm Desert, CA.

Coming Events:

Special Event for USS Alexandria. Site to be determined. Feb 17, 2008

Next NOVA Council General Membership Meeting – Mar 12, 2008.

2008 Sea-Air-Space Symposium, Mar 18-20, 2008, Washington, DC

I take this opportunity to salute NOVA Council's 2008 officers and directors and our members. Your support, encouragement, ideas and enthusiasm will help us move forward to better support the Sea Services.

The Navy League's 2007 National Convention in Palm Desert, CA was a great success, with more than 500 attendees, including a record number of Council presidents. NOVA Council members who attended included Jim Offutt, Earl Hailston, Mike Ford, Amy Wittman, John Camp and Shirley Camp. (There may have been others.)

National President Michael McGrath (see photo at left) pointed out in *Seapower* magazine that we face numerous challenges in 2008. The largest challenge and number one priority is to increase membership. His other priorities are youth programs, finance, public affairs and legislative affairs. NOVA Council continues to focus on the future, and to learn from the past. We must involve more of our members in planning and carrying out Council activities.

Nancy Gorell, Vice President, Ship Liaison, reports that Hershey and Tootsie Candy Companies. have shipped several boxes of candy to the crew of USS GUNSTON HALL, currently deployed to the Middle East. Also, please note that 2008 is NOVA Council's 25th anniversary of chartering as a Navy League Council.

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

Sincerely,
John R. Camp
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