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Afghanistan

Military and Police Training

Colonel Gregory Breazile, USMC joined us at our September 8th general membership meeting to provide an overview of the efforts underway in Afghanistan to train the military and police forces in that country.

He noted that the actions they are taking in Afghanistan today are aimed at making the country a better place to live for the current and future generations of children. They have made

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tremendous strides in professionalizing the military and police forces in recent years. Colonel Breazile made special mention of the Afghan

military academy, which has delivered two classes of professional junior officers, and the 900 female police officers, who have assumed their duties knowing they are targets of the Taliban.

While corruption remains in Afghanistan,



Colonel Breazile feels that the NATO forces are making a difference and positive changes are taking place every day.

He highlighted the fact that Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, and Airmen are all represented in the NATO force And performing superbly.

He ended his remarks by stating that no matter how much progress they make improving the lives of the afghan people, "we can never forget the guys we left behind."

CG Sailor of the Quarter

BM2 Singh Honored

Northern Virginia Council President Budd Haemer presented a certificate of appreciation to BM2 Gurbachan T. Singh in recognition of his selection as the Coast Guard Station Washington Sailor of the Quarter.

Petty Officer Singh was recognized for his superb efforts in going above and beyond the call of duty by taking on additional duties during a particularly busy period at Coast Guard Station Washington.



Virginia enters PNSY

Northern Virginia Council adopted submarine USS VIRGINIA arrived at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) Sept. 1, for a first-of-its-class major maintenance availability that is scheduled to begin Oct. 1.

While at the shipyard, Virginia will undergo an Extended Dry-docking Selected Restricted Availability (EDSRA) consisting of various maintenance work and several system upgrades.

2010 Scholarship Winner

Stew Reuter announced the selection of our 2010 John Camp Memorial Scholarship winner, Sea Cadet Petty Officer Tempry C. Goff of the Roanoke Division. Tempry is active in sports, was in the NSCC program for four years, and ranked 8 of 130 graduating students in her high school class. She will be attending East Tennessee State University where she will major in pre-med.

NOVA COUNCIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- When:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010
- Where:** Navy League Headquarters Conference Center, 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 – Brief council business
8:15 pm – Presentation by CAPT Gail Kulisch, USCG, Acting Commander, Deployable Operations Group
- Cost:** \$25.00 per person – pay at door, Cash of Check. Or use PayPal at: www.novanavyleague.org/paypal
- Reservations:** By noon, Tuesday, November 9, 2010. Visit www.novanavyleague.org or send email to Duane Wills at aduanewills@gmail.com or call 703-281-3708. 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.



President's Corner

I want to remind everyone about the 2010 National Convention that will be held 20-24 October in Jacksonville, Florida. You can register by going to www.navyleague.org and clicking on the convention site.

The Council Officers Workshop scheduled for Saturday morning (23 Oct) from 9-11:45 AM, is chock full of valuable, practical information of interest to any council member interested in increasing their participation in Council activities.

I hope many of you can make this important week, as well as, our next general membership meeting. I am sure it will be just as stirring as our presentation from Colonel Breazile.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given so generously to the John Camp Memorial Scholarship. An important aspect of attracting and motivating Sea Cadets is a vibrant scholarship program. We will continue to raise funds to fully endow the John Camp Memorial Scholarship so that it can be a truly lasting tribute to his memory.

8 Sept Meeting Highlights

- 24 members and guests we present.
- 4 new members attended their first meeting
- Routine business conducted
- Colonel Breazile, USMC made his presentation
- Budd Haemer announced that the next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2010. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Holiday Celebration Mtg

- When:** Tuesday, December 7, 2010
Where: Navy League Headquarters Conference Center, 2300 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.
Time: 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Catering: Adriana's -- heavy hors d'oeuvres
 -- wine/beer/soft drink bar
Bring: - Toys for Toys for Tots drive
 - Monetary Gift for John Camp Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Coming in December

- * General Membership Meeting Information
- * 2010 National Convention Update
- * Holiday Party Update

What does the Northern Virginia Council of the Navy League do, besides hold meetings?

In 2009, NOVA Council paid out \$4100 to 34 members of our adopted ships. That included \$100 checks to Sailors/Guardsmen/Marines of the Quarter; and \$200 checks to those chosen for the Year. Also, every year we give several checks to ship and unit "welfare and recreation funds".

The Navy League supports the Sea Cadets as well as the U.S. Sea Services. In 2009, NOVA Council gave a check for \$500 to the Sea Cadet unit in Roanoke, VA

An important aspect to attract Sea Cadet recruits is a vibrant scholarship program.

NOVA Council has now given two annual scholarship checks, \$2000 each, from the John Camp Memorial Scholarship fund.

The NOVA Council does not charge its members annual dues. Awards, other than Scholarship checks, are paid from the dues (or Life Member fees) that you pay to Navy League US headquarters.

The cost of meals (food & beverages) for our speakers, honorees and their spouses, is always covered by the NOVA Council.