



# New York Council, Navy League

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services.

## Dear Navy League Members and Friends:

We experienced another very busy and successful quarter, made possible by the efforts and dedication of our staff and many active members.

### Planning Your Year-end Gift Giving?

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### July

Once again we worked in cooperation with the Salmagundi Art Club to present the opening of a beautiful and inspirational exhibit of this year's accepted works of the Coast Guard Art Program. A few days later, we hosted Julián Garcia

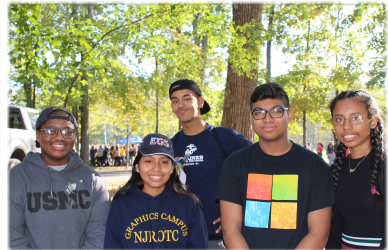


Council member, COGAP artist and Salmagundi board member **Karen Loew** presents to the 2017 COGAP Acceptance Ceremony's guest of honor, Admiral Charles Michel, USCG Vice Commandant. Photo credit: Mary DiBiase Blaich Photography

Dominguez, valedictorian of the Spanish Naval Academy, for a tour of NYC as part of a trip awarded to him by the Navy League Madrid Council. Highlights included a Mets game, Coast Guard boat ride and VTS tour, dinner with Council members and a day of siteseeing and entertainment. Finally, we funded an early Coast Guard Day celebration for the active duty personnel and families of U.S. Coast Guard Station New York.

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**Youth Program  
Spotlight: Area Four  
Orienteering  
Competition**



On Saturday, October 21, 2017, NJROTC cadets from our three sponsored units – Graphics Campus, George Washington and Curtis High Schools – traveled to Tyler State Park in Newtown, Pennsylvania, for the 4th Annual NJROTC Area Four Orienteering Championship.

Orienteering is a competitive outdoor sport that combines racing with navigation. It is a timed race in which participants use a specially created, highly detailed map to select routes and navigate through diverse, unfamiliar terrain and visit control points in a specific sequence. Competition courses are offered at various levels of difficulty.

In addition to fresh air and a great workout, the cadets gained map-reading and decision-making skills. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to our members whose dues and donations helped fund their trip!

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**August**

We continued our support of local active duty personnel with the latest award to the Enlisted Person of the Quarter at U.S. Coast Guard Station New York. Council VP Tom McGloin and Advisory Committee member Ted Sergio presented our award to ME3 James Davis. The Navy League Sailing Challenge focused on the next generation of sailors this year. Sponsored with the assistance of the Manhattan Yacht Club, SK Advisers and OYE Swimwear, the Youth Sailing Challenge got some of our youth program members out on the water with seasoned sailors and raised funds for seven sailing camp scholarships. Board members Ed Gunning and Michael Fortenbaugh, plus Council member Levent Sodikoglu, were instrumental in making this a great event. A small group from our Council enjoyed a tour and sail on the USCG Barque Eagle as she came in to dock at the Intrepid. To wrap up the month, we wished Charles Rowe, our Public Relations friend at USCG Sector NY, fair sailing and presented a digital Navy League membership at his retirement ceremony.



*New York Council members, Manhattan Yacht Club members and New York Council Youth Programs participants celebrate after a great day on the water.*

**September**

Erika Myers, Director of Development, Jessica Hitchen, Executive Director, and I honored one of our generous donors, Mike Petters, President & CEO of Huntington Ingalls Industries at the Committee for Economic Development (CED)

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annual awards dinner. In a busy month for awards recognition, we also congratulated Board member Mary Westmoreland and her husband Gene on being honored as The Bronxville Women's Club's Couple of the Year, and Board member Catherine Lenihan for her award at the Health Advocates for Older People Gala.

### **Organizational Updates**

As we advance into new challenges, our staff has attended a series of professional development classes, including strategic planning and communication for non-profits, and many of us continue to take advantage of informational webinars run by National HQ.

We are nearing completion of our becoming a non-profit corporation. Thanks to Council Judge Advocate Larry Brennan for actively encouraging this, Treasurer Ted Mason for jumpstarting the process, and Council VP Richard Heller for coordinating with Withers Bergman, the law firm that generously donated their time and expertise to help us achieve this goal.

Our Board is actively involved in planning our future financial security and our annual audit is nearing completion. We will have an update on these in our next newsletter.

Finally, great news on membership increases: almost 100 new members have joined the New York Council so far this year. Welcome to all our new members and welcome back to all who have renewed. We hope to see you soon at an upcoming event!

Semper fi,

*Charles R. Blain*

Col. Charles R. Blain, USMC (Ret.)  
President

## **Upcoming New York Council Events**

*Wednesday, November 1 — Annual Members Meeting*

6:30–8:30 P.M., Cornell Club, 6 E 44th St

*Wednesday, November 8 — Board Meeting*

5:00–6:30 P.M., Thompson Hine, 335 Madison Ave.; Board and Advisory Committee Members only

*Saturday, November 11 — Veterans Day Parade*

10:00 A.M.–4:30 P.M., opening ceremony at Eternal Light Memorial (5th Avenue @ 24th Street)

*Sunday, November 12 — Feed the Ships and VIP Tours (tentative)*

Time to be announced, Navy Homeport Pier, Staten Island

*Sunday, November 26 — Military Appreciation Day*

11:00 A.M., MetLife Stadium

*Saturday, December 9 — Army Navy Game Party (tentative)*

3:00–5:00 P.M., location to be announced

*Tuesday, December 12 — New York Council Christmas Party*

6:00–9:00 P.M., India House, One Hanover Square

## Discover how far \$25 will go.

How far will \$25 go? For our Council, a \$25 donation will cover the event fee for an active duty Sea Service member to attend one of our National Security Briefing Breakfasts. For cadets in our sponsored NJROTC, MCJROTC, Sea Cadet and Young Marines units, \$25 pays for either one complete drill team uniform, the bus fee for a field trip or their admission to a venue.

In short, a \$25 donation to the New York Council can go a long way. This year, we're asking you to remember that and participate in the international day of giving known as #GivingTuesday. Always held on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, this year #GivingTuesday is on November 28. Please consider supporting the men and women of the Sea Services and our youth educational programs with a donation to our #GivingTuesday campaign. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope to make your donation by check, or you can visit [www.nynavyleague.org/donations](http://www.nynavyleague.org/donations) to make your donation online. Of course, any amount is welcomed and appreciated, and you don't have to wait until #GivingTuesday to give!

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Please complete and detach this form and return it in the enclosed reply envelope.

**Yes! I want to support the men and women of the Sea Services and support youth through programs that expose them to the values of our Sea Services. Please accept my donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for #GivingTuesday.**

My check, made payable to the New York Council, is enclosed.

You can also donate at [www.nynavyleague.org/donations](http://www.nynavyleague.org/donations).

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