

The Ship's Whistle



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An e-mail bulletin of newsworthy information for Members of the **Massachusetts Bay Council**, Navy League of the United States and other friends of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

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Ship whistles: ships use their whistles (horns) as directional signals when passing another vessel, sounded in port when leaving the dock, moving astern and in emergency situations.

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PLANNED EVENTS:

- February. Please Don't Come Luncheon. This non-event raises funds to support our youth programs. Financial assistance is then available for our supported Sea Cadet and League Cadet units and for Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medals to outstanding Sea Cadets, JNROTC & MCJROTC Cadets as well as presentations to NROTC Midshipmen. Watch your mail.
- March. We are planning for a Navy ship tour and, perhaps, a reception aboard.
- April. USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) Christening in Bath, ME. Commissioning in Boston in 2018.
- May. Armed Forces Day event.
- June. Navy League Convention in Milwaukee. All Members welcome and encouraged to attend.

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RECENT EVENTS:



40th Annual council **Toys for Tots Brunch** with drawings for outstanding items and a silent auction on line. A good time by attendees and raised \$ 3,000. plus collected toys. Thanks to all contributors, participants and donors of the drawing items.



Navy Birthday Dinner and Annual Meeting with Vice Admiral Rick Breckenridge, USN, as guest speaker. This well-attended event included the USS Constitution Color Guard and industry participation. New Board Members include Stephen Schnitzer, William Malloy and James McLoughlin. A full list may be seen on our website www.massbaynavyleague.org.

TWO NEW BOOKS WRITTEN BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

“Overrun – The Battle for Firebase 14”. About Vietnam and USS Kitty Hawk (CVA 63). Author: Dr. Jeffrey Ahlin. Available on Amazon. **“The Siren’s Call and Second Chances”**. Authors: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas Kelley and Joan Kelley. Available soon on Amazon.

SEA CADETS

Constitution Div, NSCC, on a field trip to the Boston Bruins game Nov. 19th.
Operation Cadets for Kids



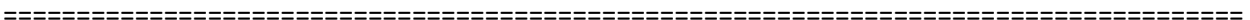
Oullette Div., NSCC, field trip to USS Constitution and USS Cassin Young (DD 793)



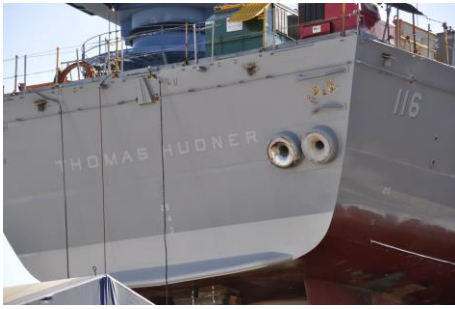
Squadron 7 Zulu Color Guard at the Norwell-Hanover Thanksgiving Day Football game



(onLEFT) Oullette Division participated in Wreaths Across America program, laying wreaths at veterans' graves. (on RIGHT) League Cadet Sean Singh (**Patriot State**) and Sea Cadet Riley Craig (**Gosnold**) received NL Youth Medals presented by council VP Genevieve Guimond.



USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116) in October 2016. Scheduled for commissioning in Boston in 2018.



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Another year plus to look like this...

