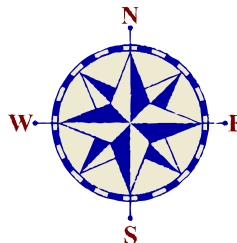


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Message from the President

Hello Everyone! Hope you all kept warm this past winter and are now enjoying the spring weather we are having!

First, I want to recognize and congratulate the Military personnel who through their hard work for the past year achieved the honor of being selected the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Cleveland, FTS Sailor of the Year, Selres Sailor of the Year, and the Recruiter Marine of the Year.

They are:

FTS SOY: PS1 (SW/AW) Walter S. Petty

Selres SOY: PS1 (SW) Robert D. Smith

Recruiter MOY: Staff Sergeant David W. Smith

We have sponsored several events last year and I was sorry not to see a bigger turn out at some of these events. One can only keep trying to figure out what it takes to get the membership to come out and enjoy and participate in some of these events with the board members. Although the board members enjoyed these events I was hoping to see more of you there. But due to lack of membership participation and monetary losses last year, we will not be conducting some of the traditional types of fund raisings. Instead we may have some small social gatherings with the board members and an open invitation to any members that might want to join us. I'll try to keep the membership advised as things develop for spring and summer through this newsletter.

We plan on attending a Captain's game or two, maybe a play or two also.

We'll still support the Cleveland Sea Cadets and any other Navy events in and around town.

We hope you'll join us.

Karen Pallat is still deployed and has been extended in Iraq. To find out more about Karen, please visit the web site her daughter, Tami, has created to pass on information to those that wish to know:
<http://home.mindspring.com/~csmarra/tamianddaveswebsite/>

Enjoy the warm weather that is coming and maybe we'll see you around town this summer.

Catherine Owen
President, NL Cleveland Council

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *SOY & MOY Named*
- *Local Cadet to go to Hong Kong on an International Exchange tour of duty*
- *See Donny Osmond and The Cleveland Indians*
- *Past Council President passes away*
- *Local Reservist talks about getting to know the Iraqi's and their families.*
- *Become a Community Affiliate*
- *Upcoming Change of Command*
- *Sea Cadet Graduation on the USS COD*

Cleveland Sea Cadets

Once again training season is upon us at Cleveland Division – Naval Sea Cadet Corps. We have 40 plus Sea Cadets and League Cadets heading out to RTC, League Orientation, SCUBA School, Airman training and USCG Small Boat Stations and many other summer training opportunities.

This June we will be graduating three fine Cadets. All three will be joining the Navy. One is enlisting and the other two will be attending NROTC at The Ohio State University. Cadets will be graduating on June 9th on board the USS Cod (SS-224) – Submarine Memorial at 0930. As always, Navy League members are invited to attend.

We finished 2006 with another record breaking year as far as our inspection went. This will be the fourth year in a row we have earned our Battle "E" for unit readiness. We received a final grade of 3.739 out of a possible 4.00. This past year we had another member of our unit accepted for a foreign exchange. Our Executive Officer, ENS Tim Woyma escorted several Cadets from the United States to Bermuda. This year PO1 Charles Smith has been chosen for an International Exchange to Hong Kong.

Our color guard has been busy over the past year. We purchased a second set of color guard equipment so we can outfit two complete color guards. We always seem to get multiple requests, especially during the holidays. We have been at the Ohio Derby, Memo-

rial Day Services, several parades, retirement ceremonies, and Veterans Day at Gray's Armory. This year we will be doing the Change of Command for Navy Operational Support Center Cleveland as well as other functions. Our color guard won an award last year during a parade in Strongsville.

This year marks our fortieth year since our commissioning in 1968. I am very proud and honored to be here for this achievement. We have a fantastic crew of 60 Cadets, Officers and Staff all dedicated to see our Cadets grow and reach their goals. As part of our celebration we had a military challenge coin struck for our anniversary. Images of both sides of the coin are included in this newsletter. If you are interested in purchasing a coin, contact one your Navy League officers or a member of Cleveland Division. They sell for \$10.00.

On a sad note the Navy Operational Support Center Cleveland (former Naval Reserve Center) is closing after more than 40 plus years. The Center was put on the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closing) list in 2005. We thought we had more time because of funding cut backs for BRAC. In February, we were informed the Center would be closing at the end of September. Most of the Navy units will be heading to the Akron Center. Cleveland Division Sea Cadets will be drilling with the US Coast Guard. It is very sad to see the Navy presence diminish in the Cleveland area.

LCDR Joseph Molter



Challenge Coin for NSCC

New Members Welcomed

We would like to personally welcome our new members to our council and hope they will become more actively involved. Please welcome the following new members:

Donald Mester, Anthony Figoli, Lawrence Platek, Pamela Gear, Eric Hofmeister & Jared Cernoksy

Help Your Council

Donations needed to help support our council and it's effort's to contribute to our men and women in the Sea Services. Yes, fund raisers are not working and our treasury is dwindling. We will continue to support the Sea Services as long as we can. If you want to help, please send in a small donation. If every member sent in \$10, we would collect close to \$1,860.00 That is huge to this council. **HUGE.**

If you care to donate, please send your check to the following address:

The Navy League of The United States/Cleveland Council
3842 Montevista Road
Cleveland Heights, OH 44121

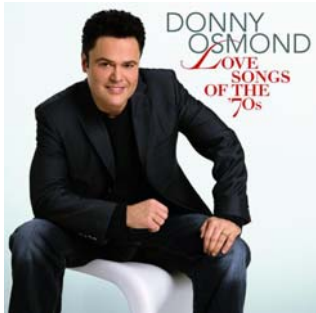
Fund Raisers

As I stated in our very first "On-Line" issue of our newsletter, we have decided not to do the usual fund raisers that we have done in the past due to poor attendance. However, a few opportunities have presented themselves to us in the form of donations to a few events this summer, that we decided to have some fun with them.

The first one will be a raffle for two tickets to see Donny Osmond on September 2, 2007. These are being raffled off for \$10.00 for two seats. This is a \$70.00 value. You can enter more than once, but each form must have \$10.00 attached to it. If you have never seen Donny Osmond perform, you are in for a treat. Drawing to be held at our July 17th board meeting.

The second one is the opportunity to buy tickets to go see The Cleveland Indians. They are hot right now and predicted to go to post season. So tickets will become scarce as summer moves into fall. Here is an opportunity to choose a game of your choice to go see them.

To be considered for any of these events, your check must be mailed to Navy League at the address on each form.



Donny Osmond has had many musical lives. As a very young child, he and his brothers started out as kid singers on The Andy Williams Show. In the late '60s and early '70s, fueled by the success of The Jackson Five, the Osmond's became close teenybopper competitors, with their own slew of hits. Donny was the centerpiece, and he competed with Michael Jackson for the hearts (and dollars) of pre-teens everywhere. Later, he forged a very successful solo career, and still later teamed with sister Marie for a hit TV show. Nonetheless, it took him until 1989 to release his first adult solo record, and tunes like "Soldier of Love" and "I'm in It for Love" with their George Michael-ish feel brought the former teen idol to the public eye once again. Work on the theatrical stage followed, and although Osmond's recording career again slowed after 1990's *Eyes Don't Lie* he remained active throughout the decade, most notably enjoying a five-year run as the lead in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He next made a splash in 1998 with a new daytime talk show co-hosted by sister Marie; that same year, he also released a solo holiday album, *Christmas at Home*. In 2001 he capitalized on his theatrical career with his release, *This is the Moment* which featured a contemporary collection of songs from Broadway. With the latest album addition of *Love Songs of the 70's*, it is clear Donny Osmond has gone back to his earlier days in his career.

YES, ENTER MY NAME INTO THE DONNY OSMOND CONCERT RAFFLE

All proceeds to benefit The Navy League Cleveland Council

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____, _____, _____

Phone Number: _____

Make check payable to
Navy League Cleveland Council

Mail To:
Navy League Cleveland Council
3842 Montevista Road
Cleveland, OH 44121

Amount Enclosed \$10.00 per entry

Show Information:

September 2, 2007—8:00 PM

Time Warner Cable Amphitheater at Tower City
1887 W. 3rd Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

Section A—Row P—Seats 5 & 6

Deadline to Mail: June 30, 2007

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News from Iraq

CAMP BUCCA, Iraq (NNS) -- The number of family member visits with detainees held at the Multinational Forces Iraq Theater Internment Facility (TIF) here has increased over the past six months by more than 50 percent.

The increase is largely credited to process improvements made by the 38 Sailors, 14 Soldiers and eight interpreters assigned to the camp visitation center.

The visitation team revamped their procedures for initially receiving visitors, redesigned forms and increased the number of interpreters and database stations to safely process more visitors daily.

"The visitation center maintains a vital link between detainees and their families to reinforce the message that there is hope for a more normal life after detention," said Capt. Lee A. Steele, forward operating base commander at Camp Bucca and an individual augmentee (IA) from the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Command in Pensacola, Fla.

More than 18,000 detainees are held in two TIFs in Iraq. In addition to guaranteed due process reviews, access to 24-hour medical care and culturally appropriate meals, the detainees are authorized to receive family visits.

The Bucca visitation center processes an average of 125 visitors each day. They screen the visitors, collect and store personal property and provide security at the site.

Although providing security and processing the visitors through the center are the team's top priorities, the Sailors and Soldiers know that how they interact with the Iraqi visitors is also an important part of their mission.

"This war is not pleasant for either side and most aspects of detention are all negative, having the visitation center be as user friendly as possible reminds the detainees and their families that the [United States] is interested in making this country a better place," said Steele.

The team tries to treat the visitors like family, said Hutchinson, an IA from the Center for Surface Combat Systems Unit at Great Lakes.

"We provide snacks for the kids, play soccer and attempt to speak Arabic so they know we are doing our best to help them," Hutchinson said. For the Sailors and Soldiers working at the visitation center, the duty provides them a different perspective. "We see the other side of the Iraqi people, the family behind the detainee," said Hutchinson. "A lot of honest, hard working people arrive at our gates everyday and all they want to do is visit their family members that are being held in the TIF. The reunions that take place at the visitation center brighten everyone's day."

Some families make the journey to Camp Bucca, located in southern Iraq near the Kuwaiti border, from distant parts of the country. Their trip to Bucca could take a number of days, sometimes through dangerous areas. Hutchinson said many of the visitors are initially intimidated when they arrive, so the team wants to quickly set a friendly and positive tone.

"The visitation center's team is professional, courteous, motivated and culturally sensitive," said Cmdr. Kathryn Donovan, commanding officer of the Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion and an IA from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Washington.

That professionalism and motivation can be seen in how the Sailors and Soldiers interact with the visitors. "The children are really cute; some of them speak really good English and they ask all sorts of questions," said Aviation Maintenance Administration man 3rd Class (AW) Olga Nedlin, an IA from USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). "It's sad to think of what the kids' lives may be like, but hopefully, the impression we leave on them will be a good one and they will grow up to try and help improve their country."

The Multinational Forces in Iraq use the Theater Internment Facilities to detain individuals determined to be true threats to coalition forces, Iraqi Security Forces and to the stability in Iraq.



Karen Pallat

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Fund Raisers—continued

See The Cleveland Indians

Sixteen tickets have been donated to the Cleveland Council. There are only 8 left. Get in on the fun as the Indians are heading back to having a great year. Tickets are going fast so make your plans **NOW!** Below are the sections these tickets are good for and the dates. If you want to take the family and/or friends to the ballpark, you can get tickets through your council. With the way the Indians are playing, section and date selection will become very scarce. So pick two dates and send in your form along with your check and we will send you the tickets. This will be first come first served. So as soon as the last 8 tickets are gone, that will be it. Don't miss out on a fantastic summer ride. Fill out form below.

Sections available:

101, 102, 103, 107, 108, 109, 111, 113, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 125, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 303, 304, 307, 309, 311, 317, 436, 437, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 447, 448, 450, 451, 452, 453, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 467 & 468.

Dates available:

June: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

July: 1, 2, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31

August: 1, 2, 14, 15, 28, 29, 30, 31

September: 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22

All Proceeds from buying tickets through the council will benefit The Cleveland Council and help with their support to The Cleveland Sea Cadet Unit and our Adopted Ship—The Neah Bay. Your help is needed

Purchase Tickets to see The Cleveland Indians

Based on availability at time of purchase

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____, _____, _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$26.00 = \$ _____

First Date of Choice _____ Section _____ or Best Available _____

Second Date of Choice _____ Section _____ or Best Available _____

Make check payable to
Navy League Cleveland Council

Mail To:
Navy League Cleveland Council
3842 Montevista Road
Cleveland, OH 44121



Members Night Out

NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK

Friday, July 20, 2007

Gate opens at 6:00 PM

If you wish to join fellow members for a fun evening, watching a baseball game and seeing some fireworks, then meet us at the gate at 6 PM to purchase tickets at the gate. No reservations, no commitment—Just great fun. Meet those from the board, have a hot dog and watch a ball game. Box seats are \$9.00 this year. Look forward to meeting you at the gate. If you miss us, look for us inside.

News from Iraq—continued

Approximately 5,000 service members are assigned to the Iraq detainee operations mission and over the next few months, more than 2,000 additional Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen are expected to augment this force to meet mission requirements and ensure the safety and security of Multinational Forces, Iraqi Security Forces and detainees.

Adopt-A-Ship NEAH BAY News

NEAH BAY November 2006 – May 2007

The winter of 2006/2007 started late but came fast and furious. NEAH BAY began icebreaking the end of January in the St Mary's River and Straits of Mackinac. With the rapid drop in temperatures and gale force winds, ice conditions were extremely challenging. Following a two-week trip north, the ship began operations in the Detroit/St Clair Rivers until the end of February. Following a short maintenance period in Cleveland, NEAH BAY began the breakout of every port in Ohio starting with Conneaut and working west to Sandusky. After concerns of flooding along rivers in Ohio subsided, the ship headed north again to break out Saginaw Bay and begin work in the St Mary's River prior to the Sault Lock opening.

After three-weeks the work was thought to be done for the year, however a large amount of ice continued to survive in eastern Lake Erie. NEAH BAY was again called upon, this time to assist a small cement carrier stuck five nautical miles outside of Buffalo. After four-days of extremely hard work the vessel made port and departed under escort.

Over the winter, the ship accumulated over five-hundred operational hours while being away from Cleveland for more than fifty-days. Impressive considering the ice season was only a little over two-months long. The summer will again be busy with a trip to Lake Superior for lighthouse renovation, homeland security in Detroit, and the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival. The summer will wrap up with a major maintenance period in September.

The Executive Officer, Matthew Walter will depart for the District Nine Command Center in July and BM2 Timothy Kelley will leave us for Station Marblehead in June. They will be relieved by LTJG Jeffrey Barnum from USCGC SENECA (Boston) and BM3 Adam Lorentz from Station Sand Key, FL respectively.



Neah Bay helping a small cement carrier outside of Buffalo.



Neah Bay cutting through some ice

Recycle your cartridges

Once again you will find an ink jet printer cartridge recycling envelope included with your news letter. For every useable cartridge returned to the recycling center our council is paid up to \$1.00 per cartridge. The cost of this program to the council is NOTHING! The envelopes are given to us and postage is prepaid. The recycling center is now accepting laser cartridges and cell phones. If you have a source for multiple laser cartridges and or cell phones please contact me at 216-226-4456 or bkeller5@cs.com. Your response to this program has been great thus far. Thanks and please keep up the good work!!

If you did not get one and would like one (or several) mailed out to you, please send me an e-mail to let me know and I will get them out to you.

a_molter@ameritech.net

In Memoriam

Admiral Richard Freundlich, USN (RET) recently passed away. He was a former Navy League member and past president of the Cleveland Council and resided in North Carolina. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family.



Council Newsletter to go Digital

To help reduce our costs, we are heading to convert our mailings to a digital format. Therefore, we are asking for your e-mail addresses. We are still on goal to complete this task by the fiscal year 2007. This issue is the second to last you will receive, so time is running out. The more e-mails we accumulate will help reduce our printing and postage expenses. We already have 60+ members converted and for those of you who are receiving this via the U.S. Post Office, you need to send me your current e-mail address. Please rest assured they will not be shared. In fact, in sending any e-mails out, all addresses will go on the bcc line. That way no one receiving the newsletter can see any one else's e-mail address. For those of you who may not have e-mail or even a computer, please ask a family member to use theirs so you won't miss out on any news. You will need to be able to receive news in a PDF format which is free software you can get on the internet. Anyone needing help in getting set up or not sure what to do, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 216-291-3896. Not only will you receive your newsletter and/or other news via e-mail, you can also check out our web-site that will also have the latest news posted on it.

As you can see from the Treasurer's Report in 2006, we spent almost \$550.00 in printing up the newsletter and postage. This is clearly money we need to save for the support of our men and women serving in the Sea Services. Everyone needs to get on board with sending me your e-mail.

Please e-mail your e-mail address along with your ID number (see label on your envelope) at: a_molter@ameritech.net. Please say Navy League in subject line.

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Editor's Corner

We are running two newsletters this time around. One hard copy that was mailed to members whose e-mails we do not yet have and our second issue of our "On-Line" newsletter. Yes, we published our first "On-Line" newsletter back in March. If you missed it, you can catch up on the news on our web site as all issues are posted there. Our "On-Line" newsletter will be published 4 times a year. Our next "On-Line" issue should be coming out in August. It will be sure to have all the activities of NOSC Change of Command in June and Sea Cadet Graduation. You don't want to miss it.

Again, we thank Karen Pallat for her insightful points of view from a soldiers perspective. We, the Council, miss you and we are looking forward to the day you come home safe and sound to your family. But in the meantime, keep in touch with messages for our council membership. Anyone in the council wishing to send Karen a card or an e-mail, please contact me and I will be sure she gets your good wishes.

We need ways to build up our Council's Treasury. One sure way to do that is to sign up as a Community Affiliate. The rebates to our council are fantastic. With only eight of these, we double our membership rebates from National. As of this writing, we only have one Community Affiliate on our roster—Enviro Smart of Ohio. If you have a small business, please contact Doug Cabarle for more information.

Alice Molter, Editor

2006 Treasurer's Report

BANK BALANCE PER RECONCILIATIONS

BALANCE 12/31/2005	\$ 1,999.63
Deposits Made	\$ 2,896.50
Checks Paid Out	\$ (3,928.73)
BALANCE 12/31/2006	\$ 967.40

As you can clearly see, this was not a stellar year. Our support to the Sea Cadet Unit and our Adopt-A-Ship in 2007 will be very minimal. Without member support, we will not survive much longer. One of the newest memberships is called a "Community Affiliate" being targeted to small businesses. For \$400.00, your company can be signed up along with 3 of your employees. The benefit of this membership to our council is that we would receive 1/2 of this membership in our member rebates. Compared to \$10.00 we are currently getting for a single membership, this is **HUGE!** If you are interested in joining, please contact Doug Cabarle at dcabarle@yahoo.com.

INCOME

Fund Raiser	\$ 1,190.50
Gift Received	\$ 100.00
Member Rebates	\$ 1,566.00
Member Donation	\$ 40.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,896.50

EXPENSES

Awards	\$ 129.00
NSCC Contributions	\$ 1,000.00
Fund Raising Costs	\$ 921.00
Gifts	\$ 1,059.09
Insurance	\$ 120.00
Misc	\$ 150.00
Newsletter	\$ 149.88
Postage	\$ 399.76
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,928.73
Profit/(Loss)	\$ (1,032.23)

*Alice Molter
Treasurer*