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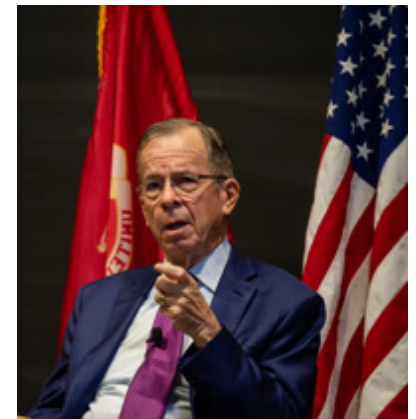
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NEWS:

Our Council Board is seeking a senior Naval officer speaker for a live event soon; stay tuned.

Other Council activities continue at full speed - see this “Photo Edition” for some examples.

Yale NROTC:



Our Council is a key sponsor of the annual Yale NROTC Unit’s “Leadership and Strategy Conference”, bringing in midshipmen and cadets from colleges around the country. The 2023 event featured retired Admiral Mike Mullen, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. The 2024 event will be in April.

Yale hosts the only college-level Navy ROTC unit in Connecticut.



Sea Cadet Units:

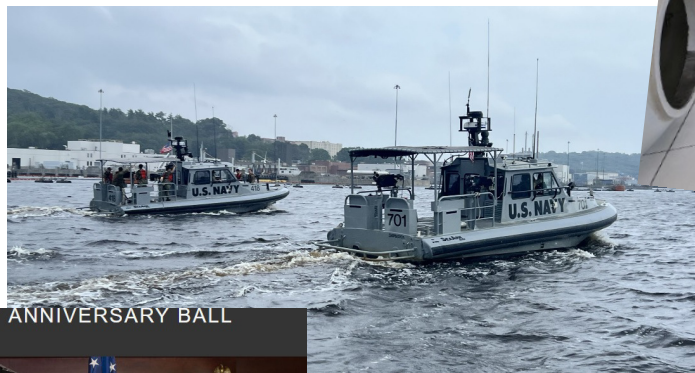
In keeping with a major part of the Navy League mission, to help build America's future through successful youth programs, our Council supports the four Sea Cadet units in the state: Barque Eagle Division (Plainville); Dealey Division (Stamford); Edison Division (New Haven); and Nautilus Division (Groton).

Part of your Navy League dues comes back to us, and that plus substantial donated funds, are used to support the Units continuing needs for training transportation, equipment, etc.

Each unit is overseen by volunteer adult staff following national guidelines. Here are photos of some recent events at two of the units.



Nautilus Division Sub Seminar Training at the Submarine Base New London in July; 18 cadets plus staff attended:



Photos from recent Barque Eagle Division Ball and their visit to Frigate USS Constitution in Boston.

Council-adopted ships:

USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81):

CHURCHILL completed her shipyard availability, including an upgraded combat system.

Capt. Patrick O'Loughlin because the ship's 16th CO at the end of July. Welcome, Captain!

CHURCHILL operated with HMS Dauntless (D33) in the Caribbean in Aug. (picture below)



USS Connecticut (SSN 22):

CONNECTICUT entered Drydock #5 at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on July 11th, for extensive repairs, following a collision with a sea mount, as reported earlier.

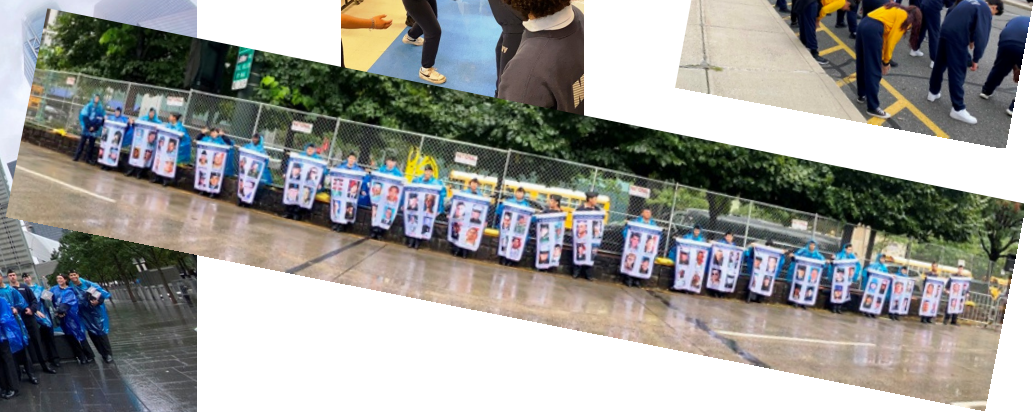
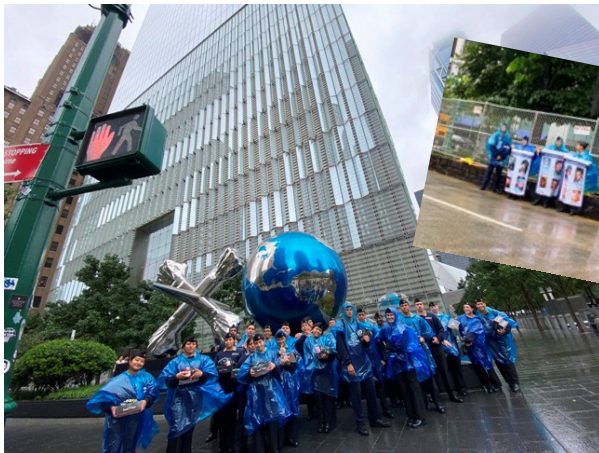
Lengthy shipyard stays are difficult, and we wish CO Cdr. Jonathan Baugh and his crew our best!

In keeping with the spirit of the submarine force (i.e. "the silent service"), we have no pictures of the sub in drydock. We will see pictures once our sub is back in full operation.

NJROTC Units:

We are proud to support four Navy Junior ROTC units in these CT high schools: Bethel, Bridgeport Military Academy, Brian McMahon (Norwalk), and New London. Here are examples of recent Cadet activities at the unit in Bridgeport.

PT and team building in Sept.



24 cadets went to Manhattan for the 21st Tunnel to Towers 5K run/walk in honor of those lost on 9/11 and in the Global War on Terrorism. Cadets held banners with names and pictures of the fallen at the finish line to honor their memories.

Local RDAC candidate program:

Our local RDAC candidate mentoring program, headed by retired Navy Captain and Council board member Drew Bisset, continued training exercises.

Nearby photos show an RDAC 12 man running team that won the Miles for Mission 5K Running Race hosted by St Francis Episcopal Church in Stamford CT on Sunday, Sept 24th. This race's purpose was to raise funds for the Pacific House a shelter for the homeless including veterans. This is RDAC's way of giving back to the community, Our top runner, David Rosas led a winning time of 17:13.

RDAC this year is on a roll having entered 6 either running or swimming events in New England and NY and has won all 6.



Council honors 100 year old local WW2 vet :

Greenwich CT resident and WW2 Navy WAVE petty officer veteran, Winona Mullis, celebrated her 100th birthday in September. See details of her story in a US Naval Institute article dated Sept 4, 2023 online. Several Council board members and Dealey sea cadets honored her at a luncheon:



See our Council's extensive website for special features and updates that occur between the editions of this newsletter at: www.navyleaguewestct.org

USNA sailboats visited Stamford in June:

Once again, Naval Academy 44 foot sailboats visited the Stamford Yacht Club for several days in June on summer midshipmen training. Our Dealey Division Sea Cadets supported the visit.

