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Photo edition

Sea Cadets:

Our Council-sponsored Sea Cadet unit has been busy since our last newsletter. Here are a sample of some of their activities:



At left, DEALEY Division and Training Ship MACINTYRE compete at the annual flagship competition at Camp Edwards MA; take home first place. Above, Petty Officer Villard accepts first place award on behalf of the division. Bravo Zulu!



DEALEY Division graduating seniors from left PO3 Alvarado, PO2 McDonald, SN Marin, PO2 Lee, SN Ulloa, SN Cuellar and PO3 Villard.



Honoring veterans on Memorial Day.

Sea Cadets (continued):



Memorial Day parades in Stamford (left) and New Canaan.

Sea Cadet of the year Kyle Kutz at left; League Cadet of the Year Colin Nash.



New Chief Petty Officer O'Brien gets his new cover.

Naval Academy sailboat visit:

Naval Academy 44 foot sailboats visited Stamford Yacht Club in June on summer midshipmen training. Our Dealey Cadets supported the visit. For a full story see:

www.windcheckmagazine.com/sailing_the_navy_blue_seas



Annual Dinner:

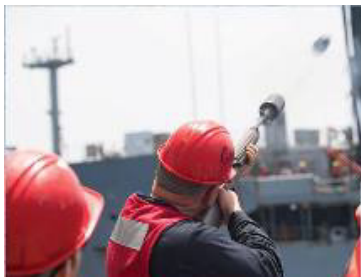
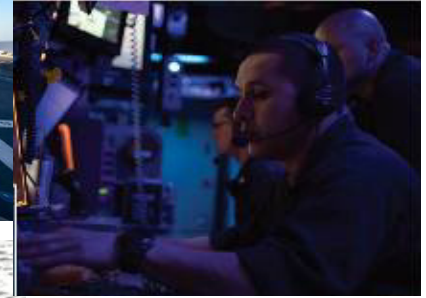
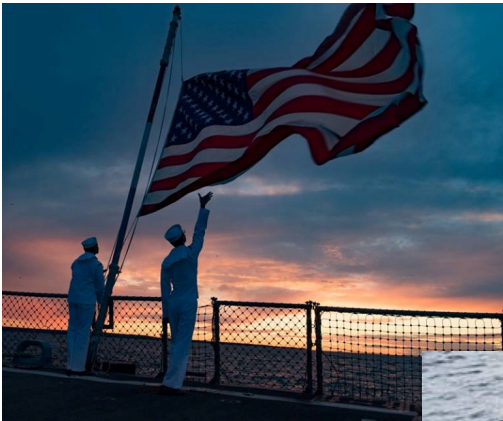
Our annual members' meeting and dinner was March 24th at the Stamford Yacht Club. Our principal speaker was Rear Admiral John Mustin, Deputy Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.



Council-adopted ships:

USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81):

CHURCHILL continues her overseas deployment that started in April, supporting the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation. In mid-summer, the ship had a port call in Tallinn, Estonia, following one in Faslane, Scotland.



USS Connecticut (SSN 22):

CONNECTICUT participated in ICEX 2018, surfacing in the Arctic Sea in March along with USS Hartford (SSN 768) and HMS Trenchant (S 91), returning to homeport Bremerton in June.



As always, our Council best wishes go out to our two sponsored warships.

Local NJROTC units:

There are three local Navy Junior ROTC high school programs that our Council proudly supports. Photos from each:

Bethel High School



Receiving their 15th consecutive "Navy Distinguished Unit" award at the awards ceremony in June.

Graduating Cadet Christiana Ruiz receiving symbolic check for her upcoming Naval Academy attendance at the awards ceremony.



Bethel senior class at their military ball in March. At front row ends are the two Bethel instructors.

Below, traditional entrance at the ball.



Bridgeport Military Academy (BMA)



Newly named Cadet Battalion Commander David Alvarez reports for duty at the change of command ceremony in May.

BMA's NJROTC color guard at the start of the school's 2nd graduation ceremony in June. Retired Navy Captain Bill Glass, Senior Naval Science Instructor, was master of ceremonies.



Brien McMahon High School (Norwalk)

Cadet Oscar Orellana receiving the annual Navy League Leadership Medal at their awards ceremony in the spring; presented by retired Chief David Pascoe, on staff at Brien McMahon H. S.



Local SEAL Candidate program:

Recent graduates of the local SEAL candidate mentoring program run by retired Navy Captain and Council board member Drew Bisset, are shown in these photos on their way to becoming active duty SEALs. For ongoing security reasons, we have not listed their names.

Our best wishes to the new SEALs as they embark on their careers.



Newly commissioned OCS Ensign above right on his way to becoming a SEAL, with Captain Drew Bisset.



One new enlisted SEAL with his SEAL brother who pinned him and some staff members of local SEAL Candidate mentoring program, after graduating from the rigorous BUD/S Training



Another Ensign, above left, being welcomed into the SEAL community after passing BUD/S training.

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