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Navy League Supporting the Sea Services

"From the time I was a young ensign until now, the hospitality of the Navy League chapters around the world make serving in the Navy something special; everywhere we go we are welcomed warmly, we are taken great care of and that is something that is absolutely priceless."

– Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations

The Navy League is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and the government that the U.S. is a maritime nation and its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services. Since 1902, the Navy League has supported the men and women of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine as well as their families. It is now a worldwide organization with more than 50,000 members in 240 councils, and includes more than 240 corporate and community affiliate members.

Supporting the Navy Now and Into the Future

- Navy League [councils have adopted](#) or directly support more than 400 Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine ships and Marine Corps units; in 2010 local councils gave more than 1,900 Sea Service Awards worth nearly \$200,000 to honor our active and reserve personnel. Councils worldwide routinely host dinners and balls for military personnel as well as provide support to family members left behind when spouses and parents are deployed.
- The Navy League planned, executed and underwrote ceremonies connected with the commissioning of 16 new Navy ships in 2010.
- In 2010, the Navy League provided nearly \$500,000 in support of America's young people through successful targeted programs, including sponsorship of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, the Navy League Foundation scholarship program and local Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs.

Sea-Air-Space Exposition

- The Navy League [Sea-Air-Space Exposition](#) is the largest maritime exhibition in the world with more than 150 defense industry exhibits and professional seminars.
- Professional development sessions include a Service Chief's panel with the CNO, an energy panel, a Centennial of Naval Aviation panel and a Future of Shipbuilding panel. It also includes luncheon addresses by the Secretary of the Navy, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition).
- The exposition is free and open to active duty, reserve and retired military personnel as well as all federal employees.
- The Navy League provides [free bus transportation](#) from the Pentagon, Crystal City, Navy Yard, Pax River, Norfolk, Quantico, Mechanicsburg, ONI and Andrews AFB.
- Naval Air Systems Command, Naval Sea Systems Command and the Navy League will also host a wide variety of floor speakers. To see the schedule of events and register visit <http://www.seairspace.org/>.

Key Messages

- The Navy League is committed to a strong, credible maritime force that is critical to the national security and economic interests of the U.S.
- The Sea-Air-Space exposition is the largest international exhibition dedicated to the maritime services.
- S-A-S is a show for the Navy. The Navy League wants Sailor feedback to make every show better than the last.

Facts & Figures

- The Navy League of the United States gave \$1,395,712 to [support the members](#) of the sea services and their families in 2010.
- Navy League supported 1,545 welcome home receptions, holiday parties, child care, R&R programs, ship dinners and luncheons, and [BBQ's](#) totaling \$603,046 in 2010.
- Navy League teamed with community affiliates and other non-profits to co-sponsor 415 events in 2010 in direct support of the sea services.