



NAVY LEAGUE of the United States

"Citizens in Support of the Sea Services"



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"Pass the Word" Philadelphia Council August 2003

USS Philadelphia (SSN690) Change of Command
I Relieve You, Sir!

On Friday June 16, 2003 **Commander Stephen M. Oxholm** became the 10th skipper of the USS Philadelphia (SSN690).

We all gathered on Pier 31 North at 14:45, at the Naval Submarine Base, Groton, CT for the Change of Command Ceremony. Captain Emil Casciano's remarks were truly a testimony to the man and his command. His words made us realize the depth of the man, his tremendous love and respect for family, his men, his ship, and the sea. Captain Casciano will remain in Groton and work with Submarine Squadron Two. This way we can still visit with the Casciano's when we're up there. Commander Oxholm and the Philly are presently deployed. We met with him at the reception which was held at the Nautilus Museum and Library after the ceremony pledging The Philadelphia Council, NLUS's continued close ties and support. A \$300 contribution to the ship's M.W.R. , (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) fund from our Council will be used to buy recreational items for the crew just prior to deployment. Representatives from our Council were Lou Damiani, Bob Hairhoger Frank Hess, Suzy Kafitz, Ron & Dena Kohl, and Herb Schoell. We met Jim Milowski, President of the USS Philadelphia SSN-690 Sailors Association, and some of their members, and they recruited Ron & Dena Kohl. It's great to know that the Philly has been delivered into exceptionally good hands.



"President Frank Hess is flanked by newly appointed Philadelphia Council Directors Emeritus Perma Richards (left) and Ben Deacon in a ceremony aboard the USS New Jersey, June 2003"

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M.V. Munakai—Christening Ceremony: Saturday, July 12, 2003

It has been a long and sometimes stormy journey, but it was with great pride and pleasure that Kvaerner Philadelphia Shipyard, Inc. (KPSI) christened their first Philadelphia Class CV2600 Containership.

The M.V. Manukai is designed for the domestic U.S. and worldwide trade. The vessel has six hatched holds with cell guides for 20' and 40' containers. On the hatch covers and over the aft mooring deck, 20', 24', 40', 45', and 53' containers can be stowed.

The vessel has a bulbous bow, transom stern, and forecastle. The deckhouse is located three quarters aft with berths for 28 persons. The vessel is designed for ABS class and U.S. Flag.

The CV2600 includes Green Ship features such as tin-free coatings, gray and bilge water holding tanks, low sulfur fuel tanks, and reduced emission engines. This vessel has an overall length of 217m, with a beam of 32.2m, gross tonnage is 30,000, and has a speed of (90% MCR, 20% margin) 22.5 knots.

Her main engine size is 8K80 and produces 28,880 kW at 104 RPM, fuel viscosity is 700 cSt. She has a fixed pitch six blade screw, and a bow thruster that provides 1,300 kW.

After a two weeks of sea trials off the eastern seaboard the M . V . Manukai will go to Hawaii and begin her container cargo runs to and from the Main Land U.S. A. There are many christenings in (KPSI's) future, and prosperity for our shipbuilding town.

Navy Day Regatta—Vendor Alert: Saturday, October 11, 2003

The **United States Navy League** and the **Navy Day Regatta Organizing Committee** proudly present *The Navy Day Regatta*, as an annual-salute to America's heroes.

This patriotic event will be held on Philadelphia's famed Schuylkill River at the conclusion of Navy Week. It will include all armed forces, police and firefighters. More than 2000 competitors are expected at the one-day head race event.

The 19th annual Navy Day Regatta is to feature corporate and alumni hospitality facilities, displays of power boats, exhibits of modern and classic military vehicles and equipment, recruitment booths and a possible military fly-by. Quality vendors shall offer official event apparel and collectibles as well as food and beverage.

The Fairmount Park Commission plans to close Kelly Drive to accommodate larger crowds. Among those invited to participate will be the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Marine Corps and the Air Force Academy as well as their large numbers of alumni and families. Other law enforcement agencies also will be encouraged to participate.

The Battleship New Jersey Museum Cup, established last year to encourage competition among the academies, will be represented.

Proceeds benefit the West Point Society, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Sequest Kids, Navy League and selected Schuylkill River boat clubs. Expanded support from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, City of Philadelphia, new corporate sponsors and media partners is anticipated.

Land activities will be produced by LCS/SkyBox, an event company responsible for hundreds of events, including five Dad Vail Regattas, the world's largest collegiate rowing event.

For information on how you can take part of in the Navy Day Regatta, contact LCS President **Lou Scheinfeld** 215/651-7510 LCS1000@AOL.COM.

Navy Day Regatta Corporate Sponsorships

Title	\$7,500	Alumni Hospitality
Red	\$3500	Tent and site \$350
White	\$1500	Site only \$250
Blue	\$1000	

Sales and Information Booths

\$500 includes 10x10 tent, city license, one table, two chairs

U.S. Naval Sea Cadets

The 3 Sea Cadet divisions sponsored by the Philadelphia Navy League Council enjoyed a very successful summer training program. Over 120 cadets assigned to BARRY (DDG-52) & PENNSYLVANIA Divisions along with younger league cadets of the TRAINING SHIP MASON (DE-529) completed Recruit Training Bootcamp at Camp Smith in the Hudson Valley, NY and at NAS Lakehurst, NJ.



This year there was a high demand by our advanced cadets to attend Master at Arms (Navy Military Police) training. Ever since 9-11, a patriotic spirit has influenced our cadets to do something for America. They realize that they are too young to join the military, so the next best thing is military police training through the Navy Master at Arms program. This summer several of our cadets spent 14 days at NAS Willow Grove, or at NAS Lakehurst, Naval Station, RI, and Ft. Drum, NY qualifying in the MAA rate and augmenting the military base police. Several other advanced cadets spent 14 days working/training aboard Coast Guard Stations at Cape May, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

The training, experience, and association with military role models serves as an outstanding venture for our teen age cadets. It definitely makes a positive difference in their lives and cultivates their pride in America. Special gratitude is extended to the volunteer adult leaders of our Sea Cadet divisions who dedicate 8-10 hours per week planning and administering the cadet training program. They are performing magnificently.

Captain Edmund S. Sobieray

Ret. Sea Cadet Comm. Chrmn.

Key Dates in Naval History

September 2

1945 - Japan signs surrender documents on board USS Missouri (BB-63) at anchor in Tokyo Bay. FADM Chester W. Nimitz, USN, signs for the U.S. In different ceremonies, Japanese forces on Palau Islands, Truk, and on Pagan Island and Rota in the Marianas surrender.

September 10

1813 - In Battle of Lake Erie, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, flying his "Do n't give up the ship" flag, defeats British squadron and says: "We have met the enemy and they are ours..."

September 11

2001 - American Flight 77 hijacked by terrorists struck the Pentagon. Casualties include 33 sailors, 6 Department of the Navy civilians, and 3 Navy civilian contractors reported missing, Arlington, VA. Two commercial airliners struck the World Trade Center in New York City, NY, destroying both towers.

October 13

1775 - Birthday of U.S. Navy. The Continental Congress establishes Continental Navy, later the U.S. Navy.

November 13

1942 - Loss of USS Juneau (CL-52) during Battle of Guadalcanal results in loss of Five Sullivan Brothers.

From our WEBMASTER

Visit our web site at www.navyleaguephilly.org for up-to-date information about our Council including: past issues of *Pass The Word*, Current Navy Headlines, press release information on active duty service people from PA, photos, and much more. For historical information by date, here's a great web site:

<http://www.history.navy.mil/wars/dates.htm>

Please feel free to contact Stu Abramson if you have any questions or ideas for our website.

Honoring our Returning Veterans Event

Date: Sunday, September 21

Time: 3-4 p.m. Social Hour

4:15 p.m. Buffet Dinner

4:30—7:30 Music/Dancing

Location: Camelot Ballroom

Bridgeport, PA

Tickets: \$30 per person

Questions: Dena and Ron Kohl
(610) 664-3104



Directions from Philadelphia

Take Schuylkill Expy West to 202 North & Follow to exit sign marked 202N. DeKalb/Bridgeport. Continue to traffic light at 4th Street. Turn right & proceed 4 blocks to Mill St. & you'll see Camelot (behind firehouse #1)

Directions from Lower Main Line

Take Blue Route (Rte 476) North to Exit 16A (Conshohocken). Turn left onto Schuylkill River Road (Rte 23) which becomes 4th Street in Bridgeport. Turn left on Mill Street to Camelot.

2003 Navy Day Luncheon Event: Secretary Tom Ridge (invited)

A tradition commemorating the 228th Anniversary of The Founding of the United States Navy

Date: Friday, October 10

Location: Philadelphia Union League
Broad and Sansom Streets

Time: 11 a.m. Cocktails
12 noon Luncheon

Tickets: \$50 per person
\$450 for a table of 10

This years Navy Day luncheon will truly be special as we enjoy great food and reunite with good friends. We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be a Senior Official from the Secretariat Department of Homeland Security. This certainly is a topic of great concern and interest among all Americans and especially those of us associated with the military.

Please complete your reservation form and send it in today. Space is limited and you won't want to miss this fantastic event.

If you have any questions, please call:

RADM Stephen Chadwick Ret. (215) 257-8985

*"I look forward to
Navy Day each
year, catching up
with friends and
feeling proud of our
military"*

US Navy 228th Birthday Ball Event

Date: Friday, October 17th

Location: Trump Taj Mahal
Atlantic City, NJ

Time: 6-7 p.m Social Hour
7—1 a.m. Dinner/Dancing

Tickets: \$40 per person

Dress: Black Tie or
Military Formal Uniform

Hotel: Discount accommodations
1-800-825-8888

Mention NAVY BALL
LAKEHURST, NJ

This years Navy Birthday Black Tie, Gala Soi-ree' will be held at the Trump, Taj Mahal, on the boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ. The US Naval Academy "Electric Brigade" Band will be providing the music. Cake cutting, Guest Speaker, Gift Souvenirs.

So come join the fun! Send in your reservation form (cut and mail form to the right) now! We look forward to another great event!

If you have questions, please call:

Carol Lieberman at (215) 843-5700.



Honor Our Returning Veterans Amount Enclosed \$_____ for _____ tickets

Date: Sunday, September 21 **Location:** Camelot Ballroom
Events: 3-4 p.m. NL Private Cocktail Party 425 Mill Street, Bridgeport PA
 (open bar & hors d'oeuvres) **Tickets:** \$30 per person
 4:15 p.m. Buffet dinner in the ballroom
Entertainment: Navy Leaguers **Frank Hess & Jerry Sacchetti** will be playing with
 "The Big Band Professional" for your listening and dancing pleasure

Guest Names
 (or those with whom you wish to be seated)

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Name	Telephone Number	Email Address
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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Checks Payable to: NLUS—Phila.Council	Mail Reservation to: Dena and Ron Kohl 275 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., E-59 Bryn Mawr, PA 19010	I am unable to attend and would like to contribute. Enclosed is \$_____ to support the Navy League
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Date: Friday, October 10 **Location:** Philadelphia Union League
Events: 11 a.m. Cocktails Broad and Sansom Streets
 12 noon Luncheon **Tickets:** \$50 per person (\$450 table of 10)
Guest Speaker: A Senior Official from the Secretariat Department of Homeland Security

Guest Names

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Name	Telephone Number	Email Address
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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Checks Payable to: NLUS—Phila.Council	Mail Reservation to: Navy Day Luncheon Committee 5 Lantern Lane Wayne, PA 19087	Tickets available at door Cash Bar Contribution of \$_____ (unable to attend)
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US Navy 228th Birthday Ball Amount Enclosed \$_____ for _____ tickets

Date: Friday, October 17, 2003 **Location:** Trump Taj Mahal
Events: 6-7 p.m. Social Hour Atlantic City
 (cash bar & hors d'oeuvres)
 7 p.m. — 1a.m. Dinner/Dancing **Tickets:** \$40 per person
Dress: Black Tie or Appropriate Military Formal Uniform

Guest Names (meal)

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Name	Telephone Number	Email Address
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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Checks Payable to: Navy Ball Committee	Mail Reservation to: Carol Lieberman 8104 Hull Drive Glenside, PA 19038-7510	Meal Selection: Prime Rib____ Chicken____ Salmon____ Contribution of \$_____ (unable to attend)
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Address Labels From File

Chester County has created a memorial to the men and woman from the County who gave their lives in service to our country overseas. The 585 citizens from World War II, Korea and Vietnam are honored on the Chester County Hall of Heroes Memorial installed in the Chester County Court house in 1999. The granite plaque was sponsored by the West Chester Men's Service Club, a group dedicated to God, Country and Community Service. A web site for the Hall of Heroes was created through County in 2001. Soon, research began, to write the stories of our Heroes, so that they are not just names on a wall.

In November last year, the West Chester Men's Service Club hosted a delicious steak dinner at the West Chester Country Club. Teachers from every high school in the County were invited for a multimedia presentation of the Hall of Heroes web site. The goal is for students to become involved in the project.

Navy Leaguers are welcomed to contribute to the research and writing. Visit the web site at www.chesco.org/herois. After the poignant introductory slide presentation click on: Daily Local News and History to learn more about the creation of the Hall of Heroes. Also click on "World War II", "Korea" or "Vietnam" and go to the "Names" page. All 585 Heroes are listed by war and then service. Any name highlighted in blue is a link to a completed story. This is a work in progress and one the community can be proud.

Donald A. Wambold, Jr.

