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# The Rope Yarn Gazette

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**Navy League of The US Yuma, AZ**

## Council Members Gift Military Service Patriot Art to Yuma Veterans Home Residents



A few months ago, we received a request to provide Navy Veteran residents with flags or logos of their military service for display in their rooms. The council agreed to support this as a great idea, however it was suggested and agreed that if we were to sponsor this task all military services would be represented. So, as in the past, this task clearly fit the wheelhouse of Yuma's Military Affairs Council (MAC). Receiving a unanimous MAC vote, our Council undertook the task of creating patriotic art in-house for all current Vet Home residents. Above: NLUS Council President, Dean Hager (CAPT, USNR ret) and MAC Chair Rob Filbey (COL, USA ret) were on hand to personally gift residents their framed service patriot art. Pictured FR centered: Resident Sailor, Anthony Bejarano and Soldier Jimmie Clem. 14 US Navy and 14 US Marine Corps displays, plus 14 US Army and 1 USAF displays were delivered this June.

As resident numbers grow, the Yuma Council has agreed to produce additional framed art pieces as needed thanks in partnership with MAC member sponsors. It is our honor to support this task not only for our sea service veterans, but all veterans in residence. They earned it, Semper Fi.





**JUNE 2024**

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**MCAS YUMA HONORS NAVY HOSPITALCORPS BIRTHDAY**

Every year on June 17th, members of the United States Navy celebrate a special occasion – the birthday of their Hospital Corps. Sailors onboard MCAS Yuma and Navy League guests gathered to recognize our nation's hospital corps personnel and celebrate the birthday of their corps.

The anniversary of the US Navy's Hospital Corps may seem like just another date on the calendar to some, but it holds a special significance for those who have served and continue to serve in this unique branch of military medicine. It is a day that recognizes their legacy and contributions past, present, and future.

The US Navy's Hospital Corps was established on June 17th, 1898 by an act of Congress. However, its roots can be traced back even further to a time when medicine was still seen as more art than science.

During times when ships were still made primarily from wood and fueled by wind-filled sails – getting sick or injured at sea could mean certain death without proper medical care onboard. However this all changed during a battle scene where there were wounded soldiers that needed medical attention immediately. This informal system evolved over time into something much more organized - culminating in today's highly skilled team known as "Hospitalcorpsmen" within US Marine Divisions and Air Wings; along with US Naval fleets and Medical Treatment Facilities world-wide.



**Navy MED Officer in Charge, LCDR Kevin Q. Hoang, USN and 2024 Navy Ball Cmtte President HM1 Steve Fugate, USN receive the council's gift of \$500 for this years Ball from former corpsman, Council Pres. 'doc' Hager (CAPT MSC, USNR ret.). Not pictured photographer Gloria Hager (HMC USNR ret.).**

**ATTENTION MEMBERS!**

**NEED TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP?** Don't let your membership expire. Checking your date is easy. You can log in to NL National's web page to check. ...even RENEW on-line right there!

**QUESTIONS?:** Email us via yumanavyleague.com or even attend a general meeting, they're open to the public. Meetings are always emailed to council members and advertised on our Facebook page. Current member renewal question?: contact 'doc' Hager.



**2024 DONATION EVENTS**

<b>YUMA YOUTH BURN FUND</b>	<b>MAR 2024 - COMPLETED!</b>
<b>NAVY &amp; MC RELIEF, MCAS YUMA</b>	<b>APR 2024 - COMPLETED!</b>
<b>YOUTH PROGRAMS (3)</b>	<b>APR 2024 - COMPLETED!</b>
<b>SCHOLAR AWARD</b>	<b>MAY 2024 - COMPLETED!</b>
<b>AZ VETS HOME SERVICE ART</b>	<b>MAY 2024 - COMPLETED!</b>
<b>MCAS / SMP / BALL FUND</b>	<b>JUN 2024 - COMPLETED!</b>

**COUNCIL EVENTS**

- 04 JUL MCAS YUMA SAILOR/PO, MARINE/NCO SERVICE PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR AWARDS, 0730 FLAG RAISING at YUMA AF PARK
- 12 SEP GENERAL MEETING - WELCOME BACK  
1800-2000, THE CROSSING RESTAURANT YUMA
- 10 OCT GENERAL MEETING  
1800-2000, THE CROSSING RESTAURANT YUMA
- 12 OCT US NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL (NL HAS TABLE RESERVED)  
(APPROX) 1900-2200, THE Q CASINO & RESORT
- 11 NOV YUMA VETS DAY PARADE & BRUNCH at THE LANDING RESTUARANT  
0900-1000 PARADE, 1015-1115 BRUNCH!
- 14 NOV GENERAL MEETING



**YOUR NAVAL TERM OF THE DAY: Shellback**

There are also two different kinds of Shellback: your normal, run-of-the-mill Shellback, who crossed the equator aboard a warship, and a Golden Shellback, who has crossed both the prime meridian and the equator at the same time. Being a shellback is a point of pride and honor among sailors.

Yuma's NLUS Council hosts 2nd LT Alayna Pallanes, MCJROTC  
**Yuma NL Scholar of the Year 2024**

At our April general membership meeting, members received briefings from the current cadet CO, 2ndLT Pallanes and Marksman Team Points Leader (and earning a spot in the nationals), Sgt Mildreth Hernadez. Our thanks to senior JROTC Instructor SgtMaj Laarman, USMC (ret) for making this an exceptional evening. 2ndLT Pallanes will receive an award of \$2,000 to the college of her choice.



Shown above: Cadet Duval, Council VP Nancy Ramsey, Pres. 'doc' Hager, Adjutant Bob Engelhardt, and Secretary Winnie Moir.

### MAY: Naval Sea Cadets Awards Event

Yuma's Navy League Cadets and Sea Cadets celebrated their well earned achievements at an awards ceremony - well attended by staff, parents, DAR officials and, of course, Yuma NL council guests.

Individual awards and recognitions were recently published and distributed as a separate flyer earlier this month, however a big shout out is deserved to Sea Cadet Sean Duval (Outstanding Squadron Cadet 2024) and Sea Cadet Elizabeth Lopez (AZ State Sea Cadet 2024).

A surprise to council attendees was a unit Certificate of Appreciation from the cadets to the Navy League for their unwavering support. Nice!

HIGHLIGHTS

COUNCIL MEMBERS CELEBRATE THE 2nd ANIVERSARY OF MCAS MEMORIAL TO YUMA MARINES AND SAILORS

Our May Council General Meeting focused on celebrating the second anniversary of the new memorial and ceremonial site for Yuma Marines and Sailors, past and present.

Members were treated to a brief history of how this task was accomplished by MCAS' current Director of Installations and Logistics and Environment, CDR Josh Perry, PE, USN.

"Unique" describes this project as it was a truly a product of a Yuma / Marine Corps partnership; proposed by our council, constructed by the Marine Corps, & topped off with granite benches and 14 ft. metal Iwo Jima silhouette sponsored by our council and local business leaders.

In constant use for retirement and active duty advancement ceremonies from the day it was completed, it stands as a strong example of our community's respect for our National Sea Services.



Pictured below next to CDR Perry is our Naval Sea Cadet Squadron CO, Gordon Jacobson. Gordon presented a summary of unit performance to attending council members - also at our May meeting. He also highlighted members on future summer multiweek skills training events our cadets will be applying for. Primarily funded by congress, sea service technical skills training on a ship, Naval Station or Guard base is a high value target our young cadets work for.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP



Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Navy League Cadet Corps  
Yuma Sea Eagles Squadron Awards



**2 MAY 2024:** Kicking off our youth awards season was the Yuma Sea Eagles Squadron , Naval Sea Cadets of the US. Newly reconstituted and including both Navy League Cadets and older Sea Cadets, parents and guests convened to recognize and applaud cadets as they received ribbons/ medals and badges earned throughout the evaluation period. While small in number, cadets displayed an excellent record of achievement. From recognition as the event’s Honor Cadet at a large training evolution like Leaguer Orientation or a Sea Cadet multi-week skills training course, our cadets continued Yuma’s legacy of high performance. Our congratulations to PO3 Elizabeth Lopez (Arizona State’s Top Sea Cadet for 2023), PO2 Sean Duval (Yuma’s Sea Cadet of the Year), Julian Johnting (Yuma Navy League Cadet Corps Cadet of the Year), and all Yuma cadets receiving awards earning this season. A big **Bravo Zulu** to CO Gordon Jacobson, XO Arlyn Duval, and all parents who make this happen for Yuma’s youth!



(L): As tradition dictates, the ceremonial cake is cut by the youngest and oldest cadet - Navy League Corps Cadet RC Iphicles Pham and Senior Naval Sea Cadet P03 Sean Duval. (R): Cadets render respect to their unit commander during opening ceremonies. Well Done!

**Yuma’s Naval Sea Cadet Program seeking adult volunteers.**

Established in 2015, Yuma’s Sea Eagle Squadron cadets consistently outperform. Our latest generation of cadets continue to earn Honor Cadet status at several of their summer skills training trips. 2024 will see cadets attend certification training in ocean scuba diving and cyber security to name just two of hundreds available.

Adult volunteers are sorely needed to support our cadets - former Navy or Marine Corps senior NCOs are in great need to assist cadets in learning proper ceremonial tasks, conduct physical training, assist in land navigation - in addition to the basic admin tasks required to keep the program up to date. **Link: [www.yumanavyleague.com](http://www.yumanavyleague.com), click CONTACT and message us - we’ll hook you up!**

JUNE POTLUCK FUN



Good Food, Good Company, as members celebrate another successful spring season.

June is time for our traditional Potluck and end our busy spring season with friendly banter and sharing sea stories.

Thanks to the Hagers for allowing us to take over their casa for the evening! With several members already hitting the road for cooler spaces, it was nice to see so many familiar faces and hear member confidence for a great Fall season.

Navy Ball, here we come!

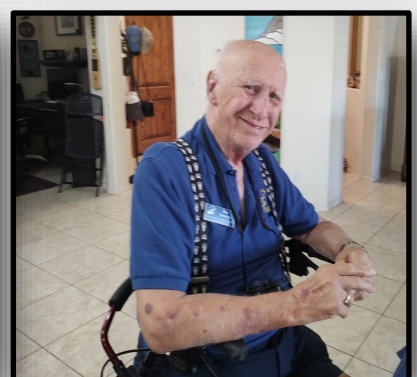
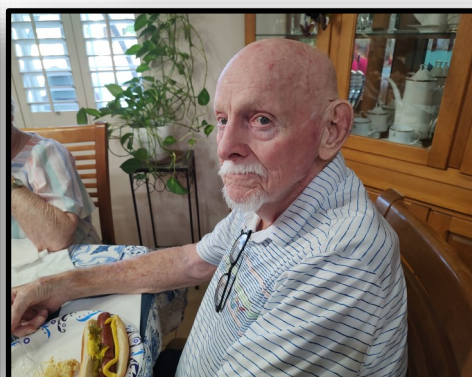
YUMA COUNCILS SUMMER  
BREAK  
POTLUCK BBQ

5PM, SATURDAY  
08 JUNE 2024



It is that time again, loyal Navy League Members! Celebrate another successful spring season by joining everyone for a nice evening.

Burgers & Brats, ice, buns provided. Bring water, sides, salads, dessert. Questions? U know the drill – just email/text or call Gloria or “doc”.



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*"Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far"*  
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