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MCAS YUMA SELECTS SEA SERVICE PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR



July 4th: A wonderful capstone to the Caballeros de Yuma Flag Raising ceremony was our annual public recognition of Marine Corps Air Station service personnel of the year. Marines and Sailors from MCAS Yuma commands received their plaques along with our community congratulations on their selection. Pictured above: US Navy and US Marine Corps awardees with their senior leadership.

[More info on PG 4.](#)

YUMA COUNCIL RECEIVES FIVE NATIONAL AWARDS AT 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION



August: Key officers display with gratitude several performance awards presented to Yuma's NLUS Council for service to our sea service and JROTC community this past year.

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From the President:

COUNCIL AWARDS AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

From PG 1: This year Yuma AZ Navy League members achieved a SW region milestone by being recognized by our national leadership for performance over the past year. This resulted in the Yuma Council receiving an unprecedented five (5) performance awards out of five categories....not too shabby for a small council.

The top two Performance Awards reflect support of the thousands of Marines and Sailors plus families stationed at MCAS Yuma whether they are of a Navy League adopted command or not. These awards are of great value as they reflect a council's overall accomplishment in supporting all three (3) key missions of the League. *Check out our Yuma NL website for mission descriptions at www.nlus-yumacouncil.org.*

The last three are Communications Awards. Advocacy, promotion, information and networks - all are key aspects that are necessary to get the word out. Yuma AZ demographics are such that we must use both print and digital media, as well as good old face-to-face presentations. These tools are paramount to compete for members - folks that want to make a difference but just need some gentle persuasion to give the League a chance.

These awards reflect the effort put forth by all members - from our Board of Directors to newest member - who volunteer personal time (and sometimes cash) supporting our general membership meetings, participating in fund raising events, and assist in the occasional networking with community partners when the need arises. Yes we are a small council, but somehow we always manage to support Yuma's Sailors and Marines, sponsor local JROTC youth leadership organizations, and promote local patriotic events. We wave our Navy League banner and advocate for our League's Policy Agenda each year. And yes, on occasion, we do get the occasional "thank You" for our efforts - however I know each you contribute what you can not for any formal award, but because you CARE.

You care about the young single sailor or marine's family in need. You care about our youth having an opportunity to build strong character, to experience success by their own merit, and ultimately be productive American citizens. You care about our sea service veterans, promote our local VSO programs, and participate in Yuma's Military Affairs Council network. And lastly, to your credit, you have never hesitated to support those crazy patriotic projects that, on the surface, appeared too big for a council the size of ours but somehow together we find a way to "Get 'er Done".

FOR 2025 - LOOK TO THE FUTURE. This September, we plan to focus 2025 efforts on funding Wreaths Across America and explore rebuilding council membership.

Semper fi! Doc H.

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.



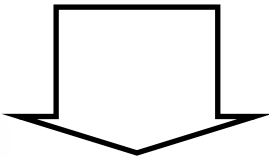
COUNCIL EVENTS *

(* Fall Meeting Date Change: Monthly meetings now the **first (1st) Thursday** each month, excepting holiday events.

- 03 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!
- 07 NOV GENERAL MEETING
1800-2000, THE CROSSING RESTAURANT YUMA
- 07 DEC HOLIDAY DINNER (SATURDAY)

US NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL
YUMA, AZ
The "Q" Casino & Resort, CA

When: Saturday, 12 October 2024
Times: 1700hrs (5pm), social & seating
1800hrs (6pm), ceremony



Prepay to reserve a seat!

Contact 'doc' for info on meal selection. Flyer sent to all members.

Payment due to doc:
by 15 Sept: \$40.00/ea.

Make Checks out to
FCPOA.



TIME TO PLAN FOR THE NAVY LEAGUE'S
"CRUISIN' YUMA" CAR SHOW

January 18th 2025 (free to public)
See Back Page for details

FM PG 1: Independence Day Flag Raising & Active Duty Awards



July 4th: The Yuma Council is always honored to support Yuma's annual flag raising event each Independence Day morning at the city Armed Forces Park downtown. This year we watched out adopted Territorial Young Marines perform a national ensign retirement, accompanied by members of Caballeros de Yuma. Keynote speaker for the event was MCAS Yuma's Commander, Col Stone USMC, who did not disappoint the assembled citizenry with a splendid address. Capping the event was public recognition of MCAS Yuma's enlisted and senior Sea Service Personnel of the Year. Our Yuma Council once again was the Military Affairs Council's representative to obtain awardee names of those Sailors and Marines selected. Our thanks to MCAS Yuma's command leadership, Colonel Jared Stone USMC and SgtMaj Jason Davey USMC, and Branch Health Clinic Yuma Officer-in-Charge LCDR Kevin Q. Hoang MSC OD, USN for their support of this effort.

Sept: With July and August's heat behind us General Membership Meetings are back. As is customary, September's meeting focused on Fall fund raising and preparing for 2025.



YOUR NAVAL TERM OF THE DAY: ANCHORS AWEIGH

"Anchors Aweigh" means that the anchor is no longer attached to the sea bottom, and the weight of the anchor is being held by the anchor chain. Notice it's "aweight," and not "away." This refers to raising the anchor on a ship. When it's "aweight," it's no longer holding the ship in place, but even if the ship isn't moving, it's considered to be underway to its destination.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP



WELCOME TO YUMA , SARGEANT MAJOR OLEA!

In case any of you were unaware: SgtMaj Laarman (USMC ret) retired this school year. So we have a new Marine Sr. Instructor. From what cadets have been saying, SgtMaj Olea is great in every aspect of the word!



Here's a little bit of background on him and his military career: Sergeant Major Olea was recruited out of Denver, Colorado, and attended Recruit Training Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, in September 1989. After completion of Recruiters School in October 1994 Sgt Olea reported to Recruiting Station, Denver, Colorado. SgtMaj Olea was frocked to his current rank in 2012 and was assigned to 1st MAW, Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1, where he served as the squadron SgtMaj until 2013 when he received orders to report to MCAS Yuma where he served as the Squadron SgtMaj for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. In 2016 SgtMaj Olea received orders to report to Operational Test and Evaluation Squadron One (VMX-1) where he served as the squadron SgtMaj and retired in 2019 after 30 years of service. In 2019 SgtMaj (ret) Olea was given the opportunity to serve as a Drill instructor at the Marine Military Academy. He is successful because of the support given by his bride of 31 years, Jennifer, and his son, Derrick, who is currently a Sergeant in the USMC stationed in MCB, Camp Pendleton.



TERRITORIAL YOUNG MARINES RECOGNIZE YUMA'S NL COUNCIL



Yuma Navy League members understands the need for robust local Youth Leadership Programs such as Kofa's MCJROTC, Yuma's Naval Sea Cadets and Young Marines. It is our pleasure to donate \$500 this July to the our Territorial Young Marines.

To all members of the Yuma Navy League:
"The Territorial Young Marines would like to thank the Yuma Navy League for their generous donation. We appreciate your continued support and everything you guys do for our community."



YUMA NAVAL SEA CADETS & NAVY LEAGUE CADETS

As our Sea Eagle Squadron begins to gear up for fall training, we welcome three new cadets (two Naval Sea Cadets and 1 younger Navy League Cadet). All motivated and working hard! Sea Cadet Sean Duval returned from training in Advanced Cybersecurity at US Navy Training Facility Milwaukee, WI.; returning with his second NSCC Honor Cadet award. Sea Cadet Elizabeth Lopez successfully completed Color Guard Advanced training and is now training her fellow cadets!

This October will see our cadets experiencing USMC helicopter familiarization and flights thanks to MCAS Yuma. Later on, Yuma Vets Day Parade and DEC Holiday charity work. **OooRah!**

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strong national sea service.

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you will go far"
US Pres. T. Roosevelt

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All cars welcome! Over one hundred vehicles - all makes and models. Hot Rods, Late Models, Muscle Cars, Classics, Exotics, Imports, Off Road, Trucks, Fast n' Furious...

Paved show lot !!

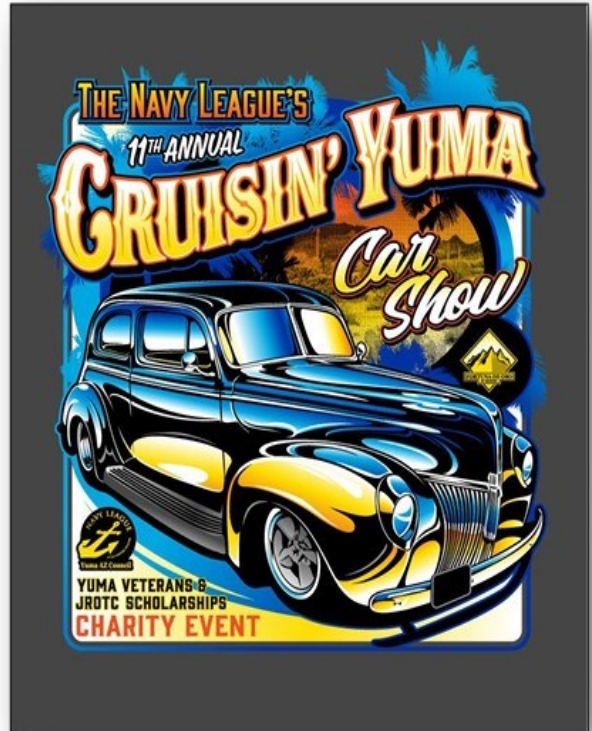
Come on, show off your toy!

50/50, Auction, Live Band, hot food and cold drinks; T-Shirts. Family friendly free parking.

A great day for a great cause!

OUT OF TOWN? HAVE A MOTOR HOME? PRE-REGISTER AND STAY 1 NIGHT FREE!

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(928) 342-5051



The Navy League's *Cruisin' Yuma* Vets Charity Car Show

January 18, 2025
10-3pm

Fortuna De Oro RV Resort
(N. Foothills)
13650 N Frontage Rd,
Yuma AZ 85367

**AWARDS
GALORE!
Best in Class
Awards
(OEM & MOD
by decade)**

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$35.00

- Includes 1 limited edition T-shirt, 1 space, 1 meal w/beverage.

SAME DAY REGISTRATION: \$40.00

- Includes 1 space, 1 meal.

For registration info, go to our Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/navyleagueyuma