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USCGC Katherine Walker
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Bayonne, NJ

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AEGIS Division Sea Cadets
Fort Dix, NJ

BB62 Division Sea Cadets
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Our Adopted Base – Naval Weapons Station Earle

President's Message by Dick Ehlert

Greetings to one and all. Many people don't know me very well so I assume an introduction is necessary. My name is Richard Valentine Ehlert. I was born and raised by German immigrant parents in a rural setting, and the last of four children. That heritage means that I am not outspoken or forward in my ways, or in my speech. You will find me quite reserved but willing to listen. Just because I don't get verbal or excited when we speak, doesn't mean that I am not interested or willing to help. Don't take offense at my quiet nature, I am always on your side.

I am grateful that at my age, I have been chosen to follow the leadership of such a young and energetic whippersnapper as Dan Dermer. Dan has done a lot of good things during his 3 years as president. I want to thank Dan for all of his work and efforts on our behalf, and on behalf of the Sea Services of this council. While I may try to be as energized as my predecessor, age has its limits, so I may not be quite as entertaining as Dan has been.

My plans for our Central Jersey Council, like all organizations, are ageless. The plans are minimum in number but giant in scope. The three M's come to mind, - MAINTENANCE, MEMBERSHIP and MONEY.

I would like our council to MAINTAIN all of our existing programs, and if possible, to improve on them or even add to them. We must not waver in our commitment to our adopted cutters, or to Naval Weapons Station Earle. Each program that we have ongoing, or each dollar that we contribute, must never shrink but increase in number or value.

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In Memorium....Stuart Chalkley, Past President

Dedicated member and past president Stu Chalkley, 71, passed away on October 29, 2006. Bom in Richmond VA Stu lived in Piscataway for more than 30 years. He owned and operated Affordable Signs in Piscataway. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served from 1954 to 1957.

Stu was an active member of the Central Jersey Council, NLUS and a member of the Historical Society of the Battleship New Jersey BB-62. He was the designer of our state Battleship license plate, served as the state's commissioner that brought the battleship back to New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Geraldine (Izzo); his brother, Russell and his wife, Mary of Ringwood; his sister-in-law, Mary Ann Ronzo and her husband, Lou of South Plainfield; his niece, Jennifer Ronzo and two nephews, Gary and Russell Chalkley.

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104th Anniversary Dinner of the Navy Leagues New York Council

On March 14, 2007, Past President and current Liaison for National Policy, Daniel A. Dermer and Public Affairs Officer Monty P. Zaks were honored to be invited to the 104th Anniversary Dinner of the Navy Leagues New York Council.

The black tie affair was held at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square. Many acquaintances and dignitaries were in attendance including, Captain and Mrs. Robert R. O'Brien, Jr., Commander US Coast Guard Sector NY, Captain Scot S. Graham, Deputy Commander US Coast Guard Sector NY, LT Amy Florentino and CWO David Barkalow, Commanding Officer and Executive Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Katherine Walker and Captain E.S. Sobieray Sea Cadet North East Representative to National HQ.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations.



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Center and Right: CWO David Barkalow, Executive Officer and LT Amy Florentino, Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Katherine Walker.



Left to Right: Captain E.S. Sobieray Sea Cadet North East Representative to National HQ, Captain and Mrs. Robert R. O'Brien, Jr., Commander US Coast Guard Sector NY and Past President and current Liaison for National Policy, Daniel A. Dermer



Past President and current Liaison for National Policy, Daniel A. Dermer (Left) with Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Michael G. Mullen.

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The Scuttlebutt – William Aitken Jr. Military Liaison

Air Expos

On Saturday May 12 and Sunday May 13, McGuire Air Force Base will host the 2007 Air Expo in Wrightstown, NJ. This year's event will feature the USAF Thunderbirds along with the US Army Golden Knights Parachute Team. The gates will open at approximately 9:00 a.m. with performances running from approximately 11:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m. and static displays remaining open until approximately 5:30 p.m. The event is free for all persons attending. Thanks to our Sea Cadets (Aegis Division), our Council will have a membership booth at the air show. Please stop by and visit.

For further information about the participants in the Air Expo you can visit the their web site at: <http://www.305services.com/main/airshow07/>.

For all those interested in seeing the Blue Angels, they are scheduled to appear for an air show Millville, New Jersey on May 26 and 27. For more information about the Blue Angels, you can visit their web site at <http://www.blueangels.navy.mil/>

Fleet Week

The Navy's annual Fleet Week in New York is fast approaching. During Fleet Week you will be able to go on board naval ships from around the world. At the time of this newsletter, little is known about the ships participating in the event. It usually starts on Wednesday and runs through the weekend. I believe this year it starts on May 23, 2007. Their web site (<http://www.fleetweek.navy.mil/>) is not open yet, but all those interested should check the site periodically for information.

Sea Cadets

Since our last newsletter many things have been happening with our Sea Cadets. In February both the BB-62 Division and Aegis Division had their annual inspections. The BB-62 received a score of over 3.0 and earned a certificate of merit. The Aegis Division received a score of 3.5 and earned the distinction of Honor Company (the highest certificate a unit can achieve for its inspection. Bravo Zulu to all

In February, the PO1 Myles of the BB-62 Division was promoted to the rank of chief (CPO). The highest rank a cadet can earn in the Sea Cadets. On February 17, 2007, CPO Myles was presented with an Honorary One Year membership in the Navy League by our Council President Richard V. Ehlert. CPO Myles is also the son of the Division's XO, Ensign Bart Myles. Bravo Zulu to CPO Myles and his proud father on this achievement.

On April 13-15, 2007, the Aegis Division, BB-62 Division and Trenton Division will be participating in a joint drill at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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Public Affairs Officer Monty P. Zaks (Left) with Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Michael G. Mullen.



The Coin of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Council President address to the Middletown High School	McGuire Air Force Base: Upcoming Air Show.	Congratulations to Angus Gillespie
<p>Richard Ehlert, our council president, was recently asked to make a presentation to the students of Middletown High School. The school was putting on the play South Pacific and were looking for some speakers to address them about WWII. Patrice Thornton, a teacher at Middletown High, approached Dick after the CO and PAO at Naval Weapons Station Earle put the school in touch with him.</p> <p>On Thursday March 29th Dick took some of his invasion maps and addressed the school. The presentation was well received and a number of the students asked to have their photos taken together with Dick. In conversations it turned out that the fathers of both Ms. Thornton, and also of the school's principal, were both in the Amphibious Navy during WWII.</p>	<p>On April 2nd Dick Ehlert (Council President) and Monty Zaks (PAO) attended a meeting at McGuire Air Force Base for an introduction to the people running the May 12,13,14 air show. It was discussed what to expect, what information and needs were necessary for the participants and support people, how passes would be assigned, and just about any plan that would affect the 3 day air show.</p> <p>Our council will have a table at the event, right next to the Aegis Sea Cadets where we can share our enthusiasm and sell our council to everyone passing by. Some 10,000 are estimated to attend – and if the weather is nice, it may be even more.</p> <p>Hope to see you all there!</p>	<p>Dr. Angus Gillespie has received his THIRD Fulbright scholarship - this time to Korea. Angus' achievement was featured in a recent edition of the Home News Tribune (Monday, April 2 on page A7). Dr. Gillespie's prior scholarships were in The Philippines and Norway.</p>

Fund Raiser at ShopRite of East Brunswick – April 21st, 2007

By the time you receive this newsletter our council may have already conducted a fund raising event at the ShopRite in East Brunswick. We will raise funds for the council as well as collect care package items for troops deployed overseas. More information will be forthcoming. Check the website for details on how much we raise and for details on future fund raisers – <http://www.cjnlus.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE:

May 12, 2007: McGuire's 2007 Air Expo and Open House

Featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the Army Golden Knights
 When: 12-13 May 2007.
 Gates open at 9:00 am
 Where: McGuire AFB
 Admission is free

May 22, 2007: Dinner Meeting

Dinner Meeting at the Chateau in East Brunswick. More details to follow

May 28, 2007: Memorial Day

Please take a moment to honor members of our nation's armed forces past and present, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

June 25, 2007: Regular Council Meeting

6:30pm at the American Legion Hall, Milltown, NJ

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MONEY is a necessity for our operations. We must raise funds to continue to support our units and possibly expand to other units where we can. Expanded membership enlistments and expanded community affiliates would help a great deal. Community Affiliates are a good way to increase funding and membership. Ask your boss or solicit other businesses you know to join us as Community Affiliates. Not only will they help the council, but they help men and women of the Sea Services and the kids who make up our Sea Cadets, all with a tax deductible contribution.

Our council MEMBERSHIP should increase in total, especially with emphasis on bringing in younger people, so that we may add new blood and energy to our cause. Therefore, I challenge our members to consistently attend our meetings and events. When you attend, bring a guest and encourage that guest to join our council. I'd ask that each officer or board member to recruit one new member this year. The successful continuation of the support for our adopted units depends on an increased and well motivated membership.

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