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Our Adopted Units:

NWS Earle
Colts Neck, NJ

USCGC Bainbridge Island,
WPB 1343
Sandy Hook, NJ

USCGC Penobscott Bay
WTGB-107
Bayonne, NJ

USCGC Sturgeon Bay
WTGB 109
Bayonne, NJ

USNS Supply
AOE 6
NWS Earle, Leonardo, NJ

USCGC Katherine Walker
WLM 552
Bayonne, NJ

USCGC Sailfish
WPB 87356
Sandy Hook, NJ

BB62 Division USNSCC
Camden, NJ

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by William Aitken



In this my final message as Council President of the Central Jersey Council Navy League, I must first begin by thanking all of those officers, directors and members who have supported me. The past two years have been truly memorable and I could have not done it without you. As I look back over my tenure, I am proud of what we were able to accomplish together and I can honestly state that I was president of one of the greatest councils in the Navy League. A feeling shared by many others, as last year we were recognized by the Navy League of the United States as one of its Meritorious Councils.

Over the past two years, the Central Jersey Council has lived up to all of its obligations to our sponsored units. The Central Jersey Council has provided support to the USCGCs Katherine Walker, Sturgeon Bay, Sailfish and Bainbridge Island by supplying food and other assistance whenever called upon. We recognized each ships Sailors of Year. We cooked meals on board several of the ships thereby relieving the crew from galley duty so that they could enjoy quality time with their families. We provided phone cards, turkeys, tickets to local sporting events. And, of course, through the Angel Program and Giving Tree, we provided presents and clothing to all the children of Coast Guard Sector New York. In fact, I have been advised that this year's program affected approximately 700 children from the Coast Guard, Navy and local families.

We were also able to sustain our commitment to Naval Weapons Station Earle by sponsoring their Sailor of the Year, Junior Sailor of the Year and Blue Jacket of the Year. We provided financial assistance to various MWR (Morale, Welfare

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and Relief) events, such as its Easter Eggstravaganza, Command Picnic, Halloween Celebration and Christmas Holiday Village. The Council also provided financial support to Naval Weapons Station Earle's Navy Ball. Many of our members and their families volunteered their time and services working food tents at air shows, balloon festivals and music festivals. In addition to the support we normally provide to the Navy, we also sponsored the Sailor of the Year for the Mid Atlantic Region.

The past two years were also most eventful for our council. We participated in the Change of Command Ceremonies for Naval Weapons Station Earle, Coast Guard Sector New York, USCGCs Katherine Walker, Sturgeon Bay, Sailfish and Bainbridge Island. We were on hand for the retirements of Capt. O'Brien, USCGC and Command Masterchief Eppolito, USN. Many of us were on onboard the USCGC Sturgeon Bay as the USS New York sailed into New York harbor for its christening. Some members were fortunate to be flown on board the USS Iwo Jima by Sea Stallion helicopter for fleet week and others were treated to a short cruise on board the USS Iwo Jima from Norfolk,

Virginia to New York City as it prepared for fleet week 2010. We were on board coast guard cutters in New York harbor for the 4th of July celebrations and Fleet Week parade of ships. 2010 saw the council conduct its first Hooters Car Wash, where all proceeds went to the Angel Program. I will also remember 2010, as the year the Central Jersey Council offered up sponsorships and adoptions for all the remaining units in Bayonne, ANT New York (Bayonne), the USCGCs Penobscot Bay, Line, Wire and Hawser. This culminated with the formal adoption ceremony of the USCGC Penobscot Bay during our annual holiday brunch with Santa.

Everything this council was able to accomplish was attributable to the great teamwork of an outstanding core of individuals and our unwavering devotion to helping our military families. I am leaving my term as president of this council with the knowledge that we are in great hands. I can only request that you provide your new president, Dr. Angus Kress Gillespie, with the same kind of support you gave to me.

Thank you for a most memorable two years. ❁

ANGEL PROGRAM DELIVERS GIFTS TO OVER 840 KIDS

The Angel Program shifted into high gear as the Christmas Season approached. Spearheaded by a family tradition started many years ago, hundreds of requests were sent out to churches, charities and companies. These requests, once filled provided Christmas presents and a warm article of clothing to the children of personnel from US Coast Guard Sector New York, Naval Weapons Station Earle and poor children from local communities. On Sunday, December 12, 2010, volunteers picked up the gifts and delivered them to "Santa's

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ANGEL PROGRAM DELIVERS GIFTS TO OVER 840 KIDS (continued from page 2)

toy packing workshop”. The next day many elves helped separate and pack the gifts for all the children. Special thanks go out to Cathy and Patrick Kobilis, and Denise and Dan Dermer for coordinating this wonderful program. Additional kudos go out to the following members from our Council who went the extra mile to make this program a success. They are Bill Aitken, Dick and Anne Ehlert, Frank Grecco, Andy Madajewski, John and Jane Niedzwiecki, Jim and Jackie Roes of the Frog-Hair Grill. Special thanks go out to the following individuals and donors who supported the program. Without these Companies and individuals this program could never have been successful.



They along with our Council brought much joy and made many happy faces this Christmas. ❁

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Arthur Kulback,
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COUNCIL TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL COAST GUARD UNITS by William Aitken

Board Of Directors Unanimously Pass Resolution Authorizing The Adoption Of The USCGC’s Penobscot Bay, Line, Wire And Hawser And Aids To Navigation Team New York.

On Monday, November 22, 2010, the Board of Directors for the Central Jersey Council, NLUS unanimously adopted a Resolution approving the formal adoption of the USCGCs Penobscot Bay, Line, Wire and Hawser and Aids to Navigation Team New York.

After hearing reports from Council

President Aitken and Vice President Greco of their recent dinner meeting with the Commanding Officers from the various units in Bayonne and from Vice President Dermer regarding his recent conversations with the commands, without any reservations, the Board unanimously authorized the adoption of all units in Bayonne leaving the date and nature of any ceremony up to the discretion of the unit’s commanding officer.



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While the Council has supported each of the units though the Angel program, the Board of Directors felt that the Council should be formally committed to the support of all of the units in Bayonne.

The adoption ceremonies for USCGCs Line, Wire and Hawser and Aids to Navigation Team New York will

be at a date and place at the discretion of the respective unit's commanding officers.

More information on those ceremonies will be posted once finalized. ❁

COUNCIL FORMALLY ADOPTS USCGC PENOBSCOT BAY (WTGB 107)



On Saturday December 11, 2010 Council President William Aitken and Lt. Marshall Griffin, USCG, Commanding Officer of the USCGC Penobscot Bay, executed the Certificate of Adoption completing the formal adoption of the ship and its crew.

The ceremony took place on the bridge of the cutter, during the council's Holiday Brunch with Santa. Both the CO of the Penobscot Bay and our council president selected the date as it symbolized the true meaning of the adoption.

The ceremony was conducted during a family event where all the crew, their families and navy leaguers could be present to witness our pledge of support to the cutter and its family. ❁

SANTA VISITS OUR NEWLY ADOPTED CUTTER

A Brunch with Santa for the crew and their children of the cutter Penobscott Bay was held on December 11, 2010.

All of the food, supplies and gifts were hauled aboard by the Council. Food was prepared by the Council members and the Earle Division Sea Cadets helped to serve it.

After-ward Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts to the crews' children. These gifts were donated by the members of the Central Jersey Council.

This time honored tradition was started years ago by Jack and Elaine Leslie. In the words of Council President Bill Aitken, "it is always a great way to kick off the Christmas Season".

Bravo Zulu to all who pitched in, especially Bill Aitken, Jeff Carneglia, Dan Dermer, Dick and Anne Ehlert, Frank Greco, Andy Madajewski, Bob Scheer and Earle Sea Cadets Allison and Austin Aitken. ❁



NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE UPDATE by Daniel Dermer

MWR @ NWS Earle hosted a “Twinkle, Twinkle You’re the Star” holiday appreciation activity. Random acts of giving consisted of special surprises and great give-aways to lucky base personnel. This event occurred from December 6th to December 10th.

On December 7, 2010, the Pearl Harbor remembrance Ceremony took place at NWS Earle. The event was coordinated by Commander Ed Hogan, NWS Earles Executive Officer. The Council was invited to stand opposite many uniformed personnel who attended the service. Our Nations flag was brought to half staff by the Honor Guard and taps were played at the moment the attack began sixty nine years earlier. Captain David "Fuzz" Harrison, USN., the Commanding Officer, gave a brief speech before the official wreath laying ceremony. The Wreath, as provided by the Council, was presented by Captain Harrison and Council President William Aitken.

On Friday December 10 2010, The MWR at Earle hosted a Children's Holiday Village at the Windjammer club from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Personnel and their families had the opportunity to walk through Santa’s workshops,



have fun writing letters to Santa and then to meet the big guy himself. While each child or their entire family sat with Santa, “Chief of Holiday photography, Council President Bill Aitken snapped a photo. The Council’s contribution to the Holiday Village was a donation for the Christmas candy and all of the family photos that are distributed to the families. ❁

“IT IS OFFICIAL” by Daniel Dermer



On Monday, November 22, 2010, The Central Jersey Council held its Election of Officers for 2011. The new Council Officers for 2011, will be sworn in at the Annual Installation Dinner on January 22, 2011. See details for this event elsewhere in the newsletter. ❁

President: Dr. Angus Kress Gillespie
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ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER AND AWARDS BANQUET by Daniel Dermer



The 48th Annual Installation of Officer's Dinner and Awards Banquet has been scheduled for January 22, 2011.

This year's dinner will begin with a cocktail hour and cash bar beginning at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00pm. The event will be held at the East Brunswick Chateau and music will be provided by the great "Joey Katz".

The dinner will be attended by many US Navy and Coast Guard personnel, including Captain David "Fuzz" Harrison USN, Commanding Officer NWS Earle and Captain Linda Fagan USCG, Commanding Officer, US Coast Guard Sector NY.

Other military guests will include the Commanding Officers of our adopted cutters, crew members and other military and Navy League guests. Representatives from the Earle Division's Sea Cadet Corps will present the colors to honor America.

Other formal ceremonies will include the swearing in of our newly elected President, Dr. Angus Kress Gillespie and the installation of his officers. Sailor of the Year Awards to Navy and Coast Guard personnel as well as individual Council Awards shall also be presented.

The cost for this year's event will be \$47.50 per person. Please use the enclosed response form to select your entree' and reserve your spot.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Dan Dermer @ 732-257-7999 *

The East Brunswick Chateau



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AD JOURNAL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT by Daniel Dermer

Enclosed you will find a form for the Council's Annual Installation Dinner Ad Journal.

Please use this form to place an ad to thank Council President William Aitken for his work or to the Council or any other officer for their contributions to our cause. We would also ask that you make copies of the form and solicit ads from your friends or businesses that you patronize.



Remember all proceeds from these ads help pay for the dinners of our military personnel and their guests who are always complimentary guests at our events.

The proceeds also support the Sailor of the Year Awards given out to each of the five Coast Guard Cutters we've adopted as well as to Naval Weapons Station Earle's Senior, Junior and Blue Jacket Sailor of the Year awards. *

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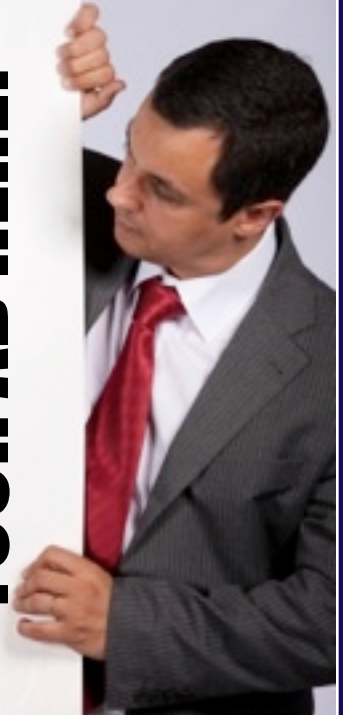
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Anyone who participates in this offer will also be recognized and given ad space on the Council's web-site at <http://www.cnlus.com> as well as within the "Now Here This".

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**CENTRAL JERSEY COUNCIL- NLUS
ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND AWARDS DINNER**

WHEN: Saturday, January 23rd, 2010
5:00 p.m. cocktails
6:00 p.m. dinner
WHERE: East Brunswick Chateau Restaurant
COST: \$47.50 per person (cash bar)

Please join us for the Central Jersey Council's Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner and help us celebrate the 48th Anniversary of our Council. As part of the evening we will be presenting Council, Military and other recognition awards. Come and socialize with your fellow Council members and military guests.

Please complete the form below, make your check payable to "Central Jersey Council-NLUS", and mail the form with your check to Daniel Dermer, 28 Jensen Street, East Brunswick, NJ 08816, no later than January 17th 2011.

This is a wonderful evening of celebration and recognition of your Council. Feel free to invite your friends, other family members or persons who might enjoy this evening to this event. But please, make every effort to attend and show your support to our Adopted Military Units and the Council.

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Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ reservations to the Annual Installation and Awards dinner on January 22, 2011.

No. of people attending _____

Please indicate your choice and number of entrees.

Prime Rib of Beef _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Stuffed Sole _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Annual Installation Dinner Ad Journal

The Council's Annual Installation Dinner Program will contain an Ad Journal. Thank Bill Aitken for his two years as service to the Council as President or to wish incoming President Angus Gillespie the best of luck.

Kindly use the form below and return it to :

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