

# COUNCIL NEWS

## FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COUNCIL



### THE TALL SHIPS ARE COMING – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

The Massachusetts Bay Council will be assisting with Sail Boston 2009, when approximately 50 sailing vessels visit Boston on their Atlantic Challenge Race from 7 to 13 July. (For details about Sail Boston, go to [www.sailboston.com](http://www.sailboston.com).) Volunteers are needed for (a) Information Center shifts daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and (b) Liaison Officers to meet with their assigned vessels daily, either briefly or as full-time escorts. For more information, contact Ivan Samuels at 617-558-7770 (work), 617-969-6656 (home) or email at [GO2NAVY@RCN.COM](mailto:GO2NAVY@RCN.COM).



### FAREWELL TO FORMER COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT AND FRIEND JOHN BLUST:

Former Council Vice President for Membership and Board Member John Blust passed away suddenly in May. He had recently relocated to the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C. John served on the council for over ten years and graciously gave his time in other ways as well, volunteering as photographer at council events, manning the Navy League booth at events and bartending at various functions. In March, the council's Board of Directors presented John with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and a Navy League paperweight to thank him for his time, effort and support over the years. He will be greatly missed.



### COUNCIL MEETS WITH LEGISLATORS:

Council Vice President for Legislative Affairs Tomi Olson, accompanied by council members including George Ripsom, Ivan Samuels, Bob Guillette, Norm Dobson, Paul Mahoney and Red Clevenger, has conducted six legislative visits since January to the offices of Congressional leaders Niki Tsongas, Barney Frank, Steven Lynch, James McGovern, John Tierney and John Kerry to discuss the Navy League's mission.

The delegations were warmly greeted and invited to continue keeping the Congressmen updated. In a follow-up letter, Congresswoman Tsongas thanked the council for reaching out to her office and said, "It is always a pleasure to discuss the many issues that can move our country in the right direction."

The council's visits appear to be paying dividends as current events related to piracy and the safety of the seas have helped to create heightened congressional interest in the Navy and the sea services. The congressional visits reinforce the Navy's message that America's sea services are the most flexible force for peace in the world.



### LOCAL SEA CADET UNIT HIGHLIGHTS:

As of April 2009 . . . *Sea Wolf* attended the 5th Annual Regional Sea Cadet Ball in Newport, RI, and assisted in the Color Guard and with the sideboys. PO3 Patrick Miller was awarded the Navy League Youth Medal . . . *Massachusetts Bay* had one cadet complete Basic Military Requirements and advanced to PO3 and two cadets complete SN and advanced to E-2(T) . . . *Gosnold* sponsored an ad with Massachusetts Maritime Football . . . *Freedom* hosted

## EDITOR WANTED

A Navy Leaguer (or family member) to edit the Massachusetts Bay Council newsletter, the *Bosun's Pipe*. Will select photos and articles from sea services websites, public affairs offices and council member submissions, and liaise with a graphic designer and print shop who lay out and print the newsletter. The *Bosun's Pipe* is published four times a year. No specialized software, graphic design or editing experience required. Contact Eleanor Samuels at [eleanor.abbott@rcn.com](mailto:eleanor.abbott@rcn.com) or 617-969-6656 for more information.

Small Arms training at the American Firearms School in North Attleboro, MA . . . Sea Cadet units: Please submit your monthly reports to Genevieve Guimond so that your unit can be featured here.



**AHOY, ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS!** You will miss out on ship tours and special events happening with short lead time, such as the recent tours of USS TAYLOR (FFG 50) and USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (FFG 58) if we do not have an email address for you. Send your email address (or find someone who would pass a message to you from their email address) to [GO2NAVY@RCN.COM](mailto:GO2NAVY@RCN.COM).