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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mark Harden



It is my pleasure to serve the Pensacola Council of the U.S. Navy League as the 64th President. What an honor it is to be allowed to work with a dedicated board of directors whose focus is to educate the public about our Sea Services and to recognize military members and their families. When I retired from the Navy in 2004, one of the first organizations on my list to get involved with was the Navy League. After joining, I was asked to join the board in 2005. It has been a very rewarding experience for me and my wife, Kathy. Over these last few years, I have looked at areas that I felt needed a special focus and I want to share them with each of you.

- 1) **MEMBERSHIP:** We need a special focus on membership. Membership for an organization like ours is mainly a function of educating the public about what we do and how being a part of Navy League supports military members not only here but around the world. The most successful method to increase membership is when members talk to friends and invite them to join. Let's start there, invite a friend to join today. You will hear this from me again and again.
- 2) **SOLID FINANCIALS:** Every event we hold needs to have appropriate financial backing. Fortunately, we live in a town that supports the military establishment. We need to focus our fund raising efforts on projects that directly support our military and their families. Again, in most cases, the best fund raising is done by word of mouth.
- 3) **IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERSHIP:** Members want to know that the organization is working in the direction they expect. They need to know what is being done and how they can become involved.
- 4) **IMPROVED EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS:** We need to tell the Pensacola Council Navy League story to the local community. We need more exposure in print, on radio, and even on TV. When people see the worthwhile things we do for our military community, they will want to join or help financially. We will form a Speaker's Bureau to help us "get the word out".

I am looking at a bright future for the Pensacola Council of the Navy League. To ensure that bright future, I challenge each of you to tell our story. Talk to friends and neighbors about the importance of a strong military and, in particular, military superiority at sea. Ask a friend to join you in support of our military by joining the Navy League today.



AIRCRAFT CARRIER *USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)*



The aircraft carrier *USS George Washington (CVN 73)* transits the East China Sea December 6th, 2010. *George Washington* was participating in Keen Sword 2010, a joint exercise with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force to evaluate and practice coordination procedures.

DoD photo by MC3 Casey H. Kyhl, USN

ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER PROFILE
CAPTAIN MICHAEL K. PRICE, USN
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Florida

CAPT Price enlisted in the Navy on December 22nd, 1976, under the Delayed Entry Program. He began active duty on February 8th, 1977, upon graduation from Covington High School, Covington, Louisiana.

His initial assignment took him to Recruit Basic Training at Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Illinois and subsequently to Aviation Ordnance "A" School at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tennessee.

He reported to Strike Fighter Squadron One Two Two (VA-122) for Fleet Readiness Aviation Maintenance Personnel (FRAMP) School from July through November 1977, earning his Navy Enlisted Classification Code for the A-7E aircraft. Upon completion of A-7E FRAMP and accelerated advancement to Petty Officer Third Class, he transferred to the Light Attack Squadron Nine Three (VA-93) aboard the *USS Midway (CV-41)* in Yokosuka, Japan from December 1977 through 1979. Subsequent tours included Light Attack Squadron Nine Seven (VA-97) "War Hawks" (1980-1981) Lemoore, California; Fleet Composite Squadron Five (1981-1983) Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippines; Strike Fighter Squadron One Five One (VFA-151) "Vigilantes" (1983-1985) Atsugi, Japan; Mobile Missile Maintenance Unit One (June through December 1985) Cubi Point, Philippines where he was promoted the Chief Petty Officer; and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four One (HSL-41) (January through March 1986) San Diego, California.

Ten years later, while stationed at Commander Light Attack Wing Pacific Fleet (1986-1987) Lemoore, California, Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Price was commissioned to Limited Duty Officer Ensign on March 2nd, 1987. He has since had successful Officer tours as Weapons Elevator Officer aboard the *USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)* (1987-1989); Ordnance Officer onboard Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland (1989-91); Carrier Air Wing Five Ordnance Officer onboard the *USS Midway (CV 41)* and subsequently, aboard the *USS Independence (CV 62)* (1991-93); Ordnance Officer onboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida (1993-1995); Ordnance Handling Officer aboard the *USS Nimitz (CVN 68)* (1995-1998); Officer in Charge onboard Atlantic Ordnance Command Detachment Sewells Point, Norfolk, Virginia (1998-2000); Ordnance Handling Officer and Gun Boss Pre-Commissioning Unit *Ronald Reagan* and *USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)* (2000-2005).

Following Prospective Commanding Officer training at Newport, Rhode Island, CAPT Price reported to the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, Whidbey Island in December 2005 for assignment as Executive Officer, and subsequently as Commanding Officer until reporting to Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA) (2008-2010).

CAPT Price's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Battle "E" (three awards) Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (three awards), Navy Expeditionary Medal (three awards), National Defense Medal (two awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (two awards), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (nine awards), Armed Forces Service Medal (two awards), Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Navy Expert Rifle, Navy Expert Pistol and various unit and campaign awards and ribbons throughout his 33 year career.

CAPT Price holds a Master's of Business Administration from St. Leo University, Florida.



OPERATIONS KEEN SWORD 2010

The Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler *USNS Tippecanoe (T-AO 199)*, center, refuels the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyers *JDS Kongo (DDG 173)*, left, and *JS Ikazuchi (DD 107)* December 5th, 2010, while underway in the Pacific Ocean. *Kongo* and *Ikazuchi* are participating with the George Washington Carrier Strike Group in Keen Sword 2010, a joint exercise with the U.S. Navy to evaluate and practice coordination procedures.



DoD photo by MC3 Charles Oki, USN

COUNCIL MEMBER PROFILE

Councilman P. C. Wu

Family: Married to Judi McQuade Wu for 43 years. A grown son, Christopher, a grown daughter, Ashley, married to Jonathan Fennell and one grandson Kai McQuade Fennell.



Florida League of Cities (FLC) Activities: Hometown Hero Award 2010 - FLC awarded three that year; FLC Board of Directors 2009 – 2010; FLC Executive Board 2009 – 2010; Horizon 2060 (Florida Dept. of Transportation) - FLC Representative

Northwest Florida League of Cities (NWFLC)
President 2009-2010

Education: BA FSU Political Science 1967 MS FSU Educational Leadership 1969 and PhD FSU Educational Leadership 1973

Worked in administration, grants and teaching at FSU, USF, MJC and UWF

Retired from the University of West Florida in 2005 where he taught graduate students for over 30 years. He was given the title of Professor Emeritus status when he retired.

Pensacola City Council: Elected 2004 reelected 2006, 2008, and 2010. He has served on every committee and last year chaired the Enterprise Committee. The Enterprise committee oversees: the libraries, engineering, housing, the Saenger Theatre (a historic theater, opened in 1925, the city owns), ESP (the city owned Natural Gas Company), the Port of Pensacola, and Pensacola Regional Airport- the largest airport between Jacksonville and New Orleans; Orlando and Birmingham.

In January a new city charter was implemented and he was elected the very first Vice President of the council. Member of Escambia County Tourist Development Council, West Florida Planning Council, Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Organization and Florida - Alabama Transportation Organization



State Activities: Past President Florida Association of Teacher Educators, Past President Florida Association of Staff Development, Past President Florida Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Past Commissioner -Florida Commission on Human Relations appointed by Gov. Bush and confirmed by the Florida Senate (See FDOT Horizon 2060 & FLC Activities)

Board of Directors for Pensacola Navy League and Council on Aging. Past Board of Directors for NWF Blood Bank, Boy Scouts Executive Council, ARC Gateway and Pensacola Historic Society

Civic Activities: Rotary - District Governor 2007, Habitat for Humanity -18 homes, Salvation Army - 16 years, Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen (cook) - 5 years , Former Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator, St Christopher's Episcopal Church- two terms on the vestry, Chairman, Bishop's Commission on Reconciliation, and 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)



An F/A-18C Hornet aircraft assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 25 launches from the aircraft carrier *USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)* while underway in the Pacific Ocean January. 8th, 2011. *Carl Vinson* and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 are on a deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

DoD photo by MCSA Nicolas C. Lopez, USN *"Hobbs Automotive Marketing"*

PENTAGON FILLS ANTI-TERROR POST

The White House has chosen former U.S. counter-terrorism ambassador Michael Sheehan to take one of the top Pentagon jobs in the country's secret war on terrorist groups. The former Army Green Beret will help coordinate the country's clandestine special operations raids and covert drone strikes against militants in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen, among other places, according to two senior U.S. officials who insisted on anonymity because the White House has not yet announced the selection. Sheehan will take over the post now held by CIA veteran Michael Vickers, who has been nominated to take the Pentagon's top intelligence job



MEDAL OF HONOR
CARL L. SITTER
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps
Company G, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division



Reginald Myers, left; President Harry Truman, center; Carl Sitter, right

Carl Sitter's grandfather, a Presbyterian minister, exerted a powerful influence over him in his youth, although Sitter fell away from religion as he reached adulthood in Pueblo, Colorado. He joined the Marines in 1941 and fought several engagements in the Pacific. In 1944, a twenty-two year old lieutenant, he was on Eniwetok, where he was first wounded. A few months later he was on Guam, where several marine rifle companies had suffered casualties as high as 50 percent. He was pushing his platoon to attack a Japanese position when he was knocked down by a powerful blow to the chest. Bleeding profusely, he thought he had been hit in the heart, until he felt his chest and realized that the shattered .45 caliber pistol holstered under his left shoulder had absorbed a machine-gun round, saving his life. He later said that he had begun to rediscover his lost faith at that moment.



In 1950, Sitter, now a captain, was commanding officer of a company in the First Marines in Korea. It was the coldest winter there in one hundred years. He was still wearing his World war II pistol, which was a good luck charm as much as a weapon, under his left arm, and he was also carrying his grandfather's bible.



Surrounded by a numerically superior Chinese Communist force near Hagaru-ri and the Chosin reservoir, Sitter's unit was ordered to break through the enemy encirclement and reinforce his battalion on November 29th. His company fought a vicious daylong battle with Chinese troops. By the time Sitter's unit had reached Hagaru-ri, only 150 of his 265 men were still able to fight. The next morning, Sitter was informed that a hostile force of regimental strength was entrenched on East Hill, a snow-covered vantage point commanding the entire valley, which allowed the Chinese to fire down on the town. A battered unit under the command of Major Reginald Meyers, who would win a Medal of Honor for his part in this battle, had tried to drive the Chinese off the hill but had been stopped short. Sitter reorganized his depleted Marines and led them up the steep, frozen hillside to relieve Myers's outpost. After managing to advance almost to the peak of the hill, Sitter's men dug in for the night.

Just before midnight, the Chinese counterattacked with mortars and machine guns. Low on ammunition, Sitter sent men down the hill for supplies. They returned just before the next attack. Sitter moved from foxhole to foxhole, encouraging his outnumbered men as the enemy penetrated his lines; at one point, when the Chinese got close enough to the command post to throw grenades inside, Sitter grabbed a rifle and rushed forward to join the hand-to-hand combat. Although badly wounded in the arms, face and chest by shrapnel, he fought on for another two days until Myers was relieved and the area was secured. More than half of that Chinese force was killed, wounded or captured.

Carl Sitter was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman on October 29th, 1951. After leaving the military in 1970 with the rank of colonel, he served as a lay minister in his church. In 1998, at the age of seventy-seven, he decided to follow in his grandfather's footsteps and became a student in the theological seminary.



TIDBITS
Presidential Payoff

Washington was a great man, but he's worth only a dollar at the bank. Lincoln will get you \$5 and Grant will get you \$50, but the real money is with some less famous presidents.

The \$100 bill is currently the largest denomination being printed and distributed, but there use to be much bigger bills. The Treasury stopped distributing them in 1969, but these dead presidents are still legal tender today if you get your hands on one; President William McKinley is on the \$500 bill, President Grover Cleveland is on the \$1,000 bill and President James Madison is on the \$5,000 bill

They are all diminutive when compared to President Woodrow Wilson. His face is on the largest and most unusual denomination of U.S. money ever printed; The \$100,000 bill. This bill was orange. All known pieces are in museums. Forty-two thousand of the bills were printed. If you had them all together, they would have a face value of \$4.2 billion.

These bills were printed in 1934 and 1935. They were not circulated among the public. In fact, they were illegal for individuals to own. Instead, they were used in gold transactions between Federal reserve banks. They were discontinued after World War II.

George Washington has the dubious honor of appearing on the smallest-denomination currency ever issued by the U.S. government: the three-cent note, which first came out in 1864. Notes smaller than \$1 were issued between 1862 and 1876. They are known as "fractional currency."

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MILLER OF PENSACOLA TO HEAD VA COMMITTEE

U.S. Representative Jeff Miller has been named chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives. Entering his 10th year as a congressman serving Florida's District 1, Miller will head the committee charged with supervision of the Department of Veterans Affairs. *“ Lewis Bear Company”*

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CAPT Ben Pendleton, USN (Ret)
Mr. Dave Shallhorn
VADM Jerry Unruh, USN (Ret)

THIRD LCS LAUNCHED

The third littoral combat ship, *Fort Worth*, was christened and launched December 4th, 2010 at the Marinette Marine Shipyard in Wisconsin. Following the traditional smashing of a champagne bottle across the ship's bow, *Fort Worth* was launched on the Menominee River. The first LCS, *USS Freedom (LCS 1)*, featuring the same steel and aluminum hull as *Fort Worth*, was christened in 2006 and delivered to the Navy in 2008. *Freedom* completed its first deployment in early 2010 and is now based at its home port in San Diego. The second LCS, *USS Independence (LCS 2)*, was commissioned in January 2010. It features an aluminum trimaran hull.



BLUES ARRIVE IN EL CENTRO FOR WINTER TRAINING

The U.S. Navy flight demonstration team is currently stationed at Naval Air Facility (NAF), El Centro, their winter training facility. The team is based out of Pensacola, Florida, but has conducted winter training in Imperial County for many years. The Blues will train at NAF for two and a half months, wrapping up March 12th, by putting on their first show of the 2011 season. The team will perform in more than 37 shows across the country this year, finishing their season November 12th back in Pensacola.



DONATIONS

The Pensacola Council of the Navy League of the United States is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and contribution are tax deductible in accordance with Federal Tax Law.

Russell Stewart Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____	Naval Sea Cadet Corps \$ _____
Navy League Essay Contest \$ _____	Bullhorn Sponsorship \$ _____
Ship Visit Receptions \$ _____	CAPT Jim Harvey Memorial Award \$ _____

Donations

CAPT and Mrs. David C. Gill, USN (Ret)
CAPT and Mrs. Mike Stahl, USN

AHOY NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Pensacola Council and express our gratitude to those who are their sponsors. With your help, our council will be able to assist our Sea Services who are dedicated to protecting our homeland and preserving our freedoms.



Total General Membership – 395

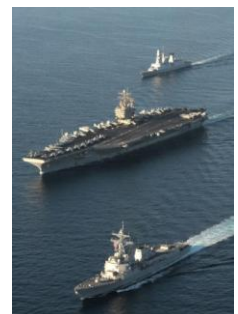
Admirals Club

RADM Paul Tobin, USN (Ret)

Total Membership – 96 (+ 1)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP

From top, French Navy destroyer *Forbin (D620)*, aircraft carrier *USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)* and the guided missile destroyer *USS Halsey (DDG 97)* sail in formation as part of the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group in the Arabian Sea December 10th, 2010. The Strike Group is deployed to the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the region.



DoD photo by MC3 Spencer Mickler, USN

MARGARET FLOWERS CIVIC AWARD

This year, we have an excellent list of nominees for the most prestigious award in the two-county area. This award, named for Margaret Flowers, recognizes the individual who has done the most work for the various and divergent civic activities and organizations in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. The individual may be from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard.



The nominees not only must be the best in civic achievements, but they must also be of the highest caliber of professionalism in their technical specialties and they must maintain a recruiter-image appearance. Everyone should have received an invitation to attend this special function. If you haven't responded yet, please send in your form and be with us to recognize these outstanding Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. If you have a business, please consider sponsoring a table. This is the most well attended event of the year and the more sponsors we have; the more military personnel will be able to attend.

We will have an excellent speaker and our Master of Ceremonies will be Dan Shugart. Join us for this noontime affair. You will be surprised at the significant accomplishments made by these select individuals. It is the perfect time to show your support for our active duty personnel. Please join us at the New World Landing on February 24th.

CHINESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER

China has taken a major step toward commissioning its first aircraft carrier by largely completing the restoration of a derelict ship purchased from Ukraine. The 67,500 ton ex-Soviet aircraft carrier *Varyag* (*Admiral Kuznetsov* class), which was only 70% completed and floating in Ukraine, was purchased through a private Macau tourist venture in 1998. The restoration includes all living and working compartments, engines, navigation systems and power-generating equipment. Additional work is still needed on the elevator and flight deck, but it was unclear when the restoration would be completed.



The U.S. Department of Defense has said it expects the ship to be re-launched at any time as a platform for training pilots -- a major turning point in the military's wide-ranging modernization drive. China bought the mothballed carrier in 1998 and towed the engine and rudderless ship to the northeastern port of Dalian for a complete refitting. Work on its internal systems took about four years. The complete restoration was intended to make the ship fully functional and to train technicians who will build China's future homemade carriers. "This has been a gigantic project and is virtually as complicated as building a brand-new aircraft carrier."

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Schedule of Events

Military Appreciation Day Luncheon
New World Landing
February 24th

NJROTC Recognition
April 20th

Military Appreciation Month
Numerous Events
May

USS William P. Lawrence
Commissioning
June 4th

ENTERPRISE CARRIER STRIKE GROUP



The aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65) leads the ships of the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group while underway in the Atlantic Ocean on January 17th, 2011.

DoD photo by MCS Anna Wade, USN

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NAS PENSACOLA TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL OF NAVY AVIATION

The Cradle of Naval Aviation will celebrate a century of naval aviation beginning January 2011. A Centennial of Naval Aviation kickoff and birthday party took place on January 20th at Pensacola Naval Air Station. NAS welcomed its first aviation unit on January 20th, 1914; just three years after the Navy purchased its first planes on May 8th, 1911. The event featured military speakers, government and civic leaders, performances by the Navy Band New Orleans and historical exhibits and photographs. It was free and open to the public. Other activities throughout the year include:

- Medal of Honor Day, March 25th.
- Aviation Week, May 2-8 featuring the arrival of the USS Iwo Jima to NASP and a special performance by the Blue Angels on May 3rd and 4th; plus various military symposiums.
- USS William P. Lawrence Commissioning, June 4th
- Blue Angels Beach Air Show, July 9th.

HAWES TO LEAVE FLEET

The frigate *USS Hawes (FFG 53)* ended its 25-year career on December 10th as she was decommissioned at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. The ship was named for the late RADM Richard Ellington Hawes, USN (Ret), a two time recipient of the Navy Cross. *Hawes* was commissioned in 1985. The ship will be towed to the Inactive Ships Maintenance Office in Philadelphia and made available for parts for the next few years.



TOGETHER AT LAST



France will share aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle with British Royal Navy.

Britain and France struck a historic defense deal recently, aimed at preserving military muscle in an age of austerity, pledging to deploy troops under a single command, share aircraft carriers and collaborate on nuclear programs that were once fiercely guarded. The often skeptical neighbors insist an era of unprecedented cooperation is a pragmatic fit for two cash-strapped allies.

British Prime Minister David Cameron and French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Europe's only nuclear armed powers had set out plans to work closely for the next 50 years, forming a joint rapid reaction force, sharing warhead testing facilities and tackling together the threats from cyber warfare and the militarization of space. Under the deal, Britain and France will form a joint expeditionary force, a pool of at least 5,000 troops, including special forces, able to deploy under a commander from either nation.

FRANCE TO SELL RUSSIA FOUR ASSAULT WARSHIPS

France's government has signed an agreement to sell four assault warships to Russia, finalizing a deal that has raised concerns in the United States, Georgia and other countries. France's Defense Minister Alain Juppe and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin signed the deal in the western French city of Saint Nazaire.

The ships will be able to carry helicopters and armored vehicles, allowing Russia to land hundreds of troops quickly on foreign soil. Sarkozy said two ships will be built in France and two others in Russia. When the deal was initially announced in December, officials said Russia had agreed to buy at least two Mistral-class command and amphibious assault warships, which cost \$525 to \$655 million each.

VAQ 134 AND VFA 81 SQUADRONS



An EA-6B Prowler aircraft assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 134 and an F/A-18E Super Hornet aircraft assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 81 simultaneously launch from the bow and waist catapults on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier *USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)* under way in the Pacific Ocean January 7th. *Carl Vinson* and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 are on a deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.



DoD photo by MC2 James R. Evans, USN

CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT MILESTONE: DARING LANDING ON WARSHIP

One hundred years ago, Eugene Ely, a 26-year-old automobile racer-turned-aviator, landed a fragile-looking biplane on the deck of the Navy cruiser *USS Pennsylvania (ACR 4)* in San Francisco Bay on January 18th, 1911, and made flying history. It was the first time an airplane had landed on a warship, and it marked the start of Naval Aviation. Ely, a civilian the newspapers called “a daring birdman,” kissed his wife, saluted the officer of the deck, shook hands with the ship’s captain, had a glass of non-alcoholic punch and took off again, bound for a landing field at what is now the Tanforan Shopping Center in San Bruno. “I believe the performance of Ely spells a new chapter in aviation history,” wrote CAPT Charles F. Pond, USN, Commanding Officer of the *Pennsylvania*. “There can hardly be too much said in praise of it. It was simply marvelous.” Ely’s flight, which came only seven years and one month after the Wright Brothers flew their first plane, was in every way historic. Though Ely had flown a plane from a Navy ship off Hampton Roads, Virginia, in 1910, no one had ever landed aboard a ship. Ely, a self-taught pilot who represented the Curtiss Airplane Company was just the man for the job. “If I did not believe I could do it without injury to myself or my machine, I would not attempt it,” he said. The Navy contracted to buy two Curtiss airplanes in May 1911, but did not commission an aircraft carrier until 1922. Ely did not live to see Naval Aviation take flight. He was killed in a crash at an air show in October 1911, only nine months after he made history



CARL VINSON CARRIER STRIKE GROUP



From foreground, Republic of Singapore Navy frigate *RSS Stalwart (72)* cruises in formation with *USS Gridley (DDG 101)* and *USS Stockdale (DDG 106)*, both assigned to the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group, in the Pacific Ocean, January 20th, 2011. Carl Vinson and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 are currently on deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

DoD photo by MCSA Nicolas C. Lopez, USN

CARRIER MOVE NEEDED

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus isn’t backing away from a play to move an aircraft carrier from Virginia to Florida. In a briefing to hundreds of business leaders in Virginia Beach, Virginia and it was emphasized that the shift is the right strategic move, even at the cost of thousands of jobs in Hampton Roads. All the Navy’s East Coast aircraft carriers are based at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. The Navy has proposed moving one of those carriers to Mayport, Florida for national security reasons.

UNMANNED CARGO HELOS HEADING DOWN RANGE

Unmanned helicopters capable of resupplying Marines across Afghanistan’s embattled south will undergo a final assessment this summer, immediately followed by a 6-month deployment, according to Navy aviation officials. Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) will reduce service members’ risk to improvised explosive devices, Naval Air Systems Command reports. With IEDs as the Number 1 killer of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, military leaders have made it a priority to get trucks off Afghanistan’s roads. Unmanned helicopters could provide a solution by carrying tons of equipment forward each day. “Six thousand pounds per day reduces reliance on current modes of transportation to forward operating bases by 6 percent,” NAVAIR’s Cargo Aircraft Unmanned System product team leader, said in an e-mail. At that volume, a fleet of 16 to 20 aircraft could theoretically handle 100 percent of the resupply mission in Afghanistan. But only a single helicopter will be deployed for starters, according to NAVAIR’s contract announcement. Whether the role of unmanned helicopters is expanded depends on its real-world performance. Contracts totaling nearly \$76 million recently were announced by NAVAIR to rush the development of an unmanned aircraft system that will drop supplies at preprogrammed locations without human guidance. Boeing received \$29.9 million to test and operate its A160T Hummingbird. Lockheed Martin received \$45.8 million for the same purpose. Its variant is called the K-MAX. Both companies will compete to see whose model will head downrange.



PENSACOLA COUNCIL/NATIONAL APPLICATION

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

Annual Membership Dues

____ Individual one year - \$80* ____ Individual two year - \$120* ____ Individual three year - \$155*
____ Joint Husband/Wife - \$115* Spouse's first name _____ ____ Active Duty Spouse -\$60*
*Includes first year local council dues of \$30.00. Local dues will be billed annually.

Life Membership

____ Individual life member - \$530** ____ Joint husband/wife life member - \$780**
**After the life membership is paid, \$30 local dues will be assessed on an annual basis.

All of the above assessments include national dues and a subscription to *SEA POWER* Magazine.

ADMIRALS CLUB

you wish to give extra support and leadership to the Council's local programs, please join the Admiral's Club.

____ Yes, I want to join and I have added an additional \$60 contribution

Membership is open to U.S. citizens who are not on active duty with a military service.

Rank/Title	First Name	M.I.	Last Name	

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