

# The Sierra Wave

The Newsletter of the Navy League of the United States  
Carson City Council #347

Betty Rowe, Editor  
March 2009

**March 20, 2009**  
**Dinner Meeting**  
**Carson Nugget**  
**5:30 Social Hour**  
**6:30 Buffet Dinner**

**CAPT "Roy" Rogers,**  
**USN (Ret)**  
**to speak at dinner**  
**March 20, 2009**



Our next meeting will be at the Carson Nugget, Friday, March 20, 2009. The social hour is at 5:30 PM followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 PM. The calling committee will be contacting you for your reservations unless you call Bob Prater, 888-2050 first or you may email Bob at [Robert\\_Prater@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Robert_Prater@sbcglobal.net). The price is \$25 per person.

For last minute reservations, you may call Bob through noon, Monday, the 16th. We must request that "no shows" be responsible for the price of their uneaten dinners.

Twenty Fifth Anniversary  
Chartered in February 1984, this year marks the Council's Silver anniversary. Come help us celebrate.



*Kim and Roy!! Are you warm enough? Thanks for coming off the slopes to be our speaker 3/20/2009! Roy, what beast did you scalp?*



CAPT (ret) Dave "Roy" Rogers, is the Director, Naval & Unmanned Systems L-3 Communications, Sensors & Simulation Group  
CAPT Dave "Roy" Rogers is the Director of Naval and Unmanned Systems Programs for L-3 Communications, Sensors & Simulation Group. An operational sector of L-3 Communications consisting of 19 divisions which supply Precision Engagement, Unmanned Systems, Electro-Optical, Undersea Warfare and Training solutions to the U.S. Armed Forces and militaries globally.

Roy is responsible for coordination and execution of new and follow-on business development activities within the Naval and Unmanned Systems mar-

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## Skipper's Corner

Once again it is time to update you on Council activities. First of all, don't miss this meeting if you can help it. Captain Rogers has a very interesting presentation on UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles). Those of you with aviation backgrounds should find it especially interesting.

If you were at our previous meeting you heard Captain Glaser say the there will be a Blue Angels Air Show on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at NAS Fallon. You should make plans to attend. Other activities involving the Blue

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## Member Profile Patti Rose (see page 3)



**Bring a friend, neighbor and/or a vet to the dinner! Last minute reservations to Bob Prater, 888-2050**

**ROGERS** (Continued from pg 1, column 2)  
kets across the Sensors & Simulation Group and its 19 divisions.

Roy graduated from the University of Colorado in 1974 with a degree in Biochemistry. He entered Aviation Officer Candidate School in September 1975 and received his commission in January 1976 and wings of gold in December 1977.

Throughout his career in Naval Aviation, Roy served in four different operational squadrons completing eleven carrier deployments on seven different carriers. His eight years in aviation command included Attack Squadron 145 in 1991-1993, the Naval Air Station at Fallon, Nevada from 1998-2001 and the Joint Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Test Force from 2002-2005.

In 30 plus years of naval aviation flying, Roy accrued over 6300 flight hours and 1,120 carrier landings in the A-6 Intruder and FA-18 Hornet and experienced combat time in Operations Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Restore Hope, the Balkans, Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Most recently, between January 2002 and May of 2005, he completed five deployments to the Middle East integrating the newest equipment, tactics and procedures for unmanned aerial systems. He was also the J-3 (Operations Officer) for the Combined Forces Air Component Commander (General "Buzz" Moseley) during the run-up to Baghdad in January-July 2003.

Captain Rogers retired from the U.S. Navy in November of 2005 and assumed the position of Program Manager for Northrop Grumman's Western Tactical Training Ranges contract through September 2007. In September 2007, "Roy" assumed his current role at L-3 Communications. He and his wife Kim live in Gardnerville, Nevada. Roy's goal is to be reincarnated as one of Kim's horses. L-3 Communications, headquartered in New York City, is a leading merchant supplier to aerospace, military and commercial prime organizations. The company offers secure communi-

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cations systems and specialized products and services.



VFC-13 Junior Sailor of the Quarter, 4th Q 2008, PS2  
Bethany Woodman, plaque presented by  
Ted Graham, CO



IS3 Rebekha White, Bluejacket of the Quarter, 4th Q  
2008, presented by our smiling Skipper, Bud Southard



AO2 Edward Perez, Junior Sailor of the Quarter, 4th Q  
2008 for Naval Strike Air Warfare Center, also  
presented by Skipper Bud Southard

**SKIPPER** (Continued from pg 1, column 3)  
Angels are in the planning stages, a parade in Reno and possibly a Ball. You might want to consider supporting these activities to help put the Navy's face out in public in a positive manner.

An all time concern for the leadership of any organization is membership. Currently we have approximately 175 members making us a medium size Council. You, the membership deserve the accolades for maintaining the membership. In the past you have invited guest to attend our meetings which in turn has replenished our rolls. I strongly encourage you to continue this practice.

In our Annual Report to National we reported the following: Total Council assets, \$17,359.17, including the \$12,150 Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Council's annual financial commitments are as follows. \$2,000 paid at \$500 each four Scholarships, one to NJROTC Carson High, one to MWTC Pickel Meadows and two to NAS Fallon.

In addition we support seven adopted units with Sailors and Marines recognition programs which is not required on the report. Annually we recognize forty four Sailors eight Marines at a cost of \$1,250. I would note that that two other Councils, Elko and Fallon share in supporting four of the adopted units. We also recognize the Sailors of the Year at a cost of \$600 plus dollars per year of which part of the cost is out of pocket for certain generous individuals.

Your participation in the dinner meetings, the raffle and personal contributions to the Navy League helps support our mission, SUPPORT THE SEA SERVICES. If you would like to help financially in some way please feel free to contact me in person.

Bud Southard,  
Council President

## Pearl Harbor Survivor Patti Rose

Last December we paid homage to our Pearl Harbor survivors and this is a short story on one of those survivors. Not one of our fighting men but one of their dependants.

Little 6 year old Patti Pullen, daughter of LCDR Harold F. Pullen, was sky high that fateful December 7th, a Sunday morning. Her 22 year old step-sister had given her permission to accompany her down to the beach for a morning swim. This meant that little Patti could play in the sand and surf while big sister swam. As they were getting ready to leave, their father, who was Skipper of the Destroyer USS Reid DD 369, came running through the house, grabbed his hat, jumped into his car and was gone. The girls thought it a bit unusual but let it pass.

Upon arriving at the waters edge they looked way, way down to the other end of the Waikiki beach and could make out a lot of smoke rising from Pearl Harbor. They could hear nothing so they went about their business. After the swim they decided to walk the short distance down the beach to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. As they were walking in the surf, a single engine airplane flew down the beach very low and very fast. As a matter of fact, it was so low that the girls could clearly see the pilots face. Little Patti waived. Big sister noticed the big round red circle on the plane and told her little sister not do any more waving.

When they arrived at their cottage their mother explained what had happen. Little Patti could not really grasp the gravity of the situation but knew it was big. Mom was fashioning homemade gasmasks, filling the tubs and sinks with clean water and putting heavy black paper in all the windows. They then learned why Dad was in such a hurry that morning. The Navy wanted him to get the USS Reid out of the harbor ASAP. It was nearly 2 months later that the family learned that he was alive and

had been successful in getting the ship out of the harbor.

The authorities were very concerned about a third Japanese attack and requested that all civilian dependents stay out on the beach that evening until told to do otherwise. This action brought about a memory that Patti still recalls quite vividly. After the sun went down and it was completely dark, the beach actually glowed orange. It was the thousands of people smoking on the beach that made it glow.

Some 6 weeks later most of the dependants were boarded on a Navy hospital ship back to San Francisco. In route a Japanese submarine was spotted following them but after a while the sub disappeared. Most all aboard felt the fact that they were in a hospital ship was why the sub broke off.

The Pullen ladies settled in Long Beach, CA for most of the duration of the war. When Captain Pullen returned from the South Pacific Theater they began many household moves which included Guantanamo, Cuba; Washington D.C; Coronado Island, CA. to name a just few.

In 1949 RADM Pullen retired and the family more or less settled in the Marin County area of the bay.

It was here that Patti was swept off her feet by her knight in shining armor although his armor was really the uniform of the United States Air Force. Airman Donald R. Rose was introduced to Patti while he was home on leave from Castle AFB in Merced, CA. They were later married on December 20, 1953 and despite the

mixed emotions of her father who questioned a marriage to an Airman, Don & Patti just last month celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Patti was adamant that Don leave the Air Force as she hated the military life as child so, after serving 7 years in the Corps Don separated from the Air Force and joined a communications company in Novato, CA. Don joined the Nevada Bell Company some years later and the Rose family relocated to Carson City. They have lived here in Carson for over 40 years and their 3 children attended Carson City schools. Both Don and Patti will be delighted to discuss their 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren with any one that might ask..

Both Dan and Patti are avid hikers and snowshoe'rs which they do nearly every weekend. For more than 20 years Patti has been Chairman of the Huga-Bear project for traumatized children.

She is quite active with her craft creations, and, both, Patti and Don have been active in the Carson City Navy League for more than 20 years. At the next Navy League meeting, ask them about their waterfall fountains.

*Patti was interviewed recently by NLUS Biographer, Dan Seaton*



## Coming Events

March 20, 2009, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
April 7, 2009, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
May 15, 2009, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
June 2, 2009, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
July 17, 2009, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
August 4, 2009, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
September 11, 2009, Friday	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW, NAS FALLON
September 18, 2009, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
October 6, 2009, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
November 20, 2009, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30

**We'd like your help!**

### Navy League of the United States, Carson City Council #347

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The enclosed check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is a gift to the NLUS, Carson City Council for the support of our adopted Sea Services units.

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## Council Dinner Meeting

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**Buffet dinner, 6:30 PM**

**\$25 per person**

*Carson Nugget*

*Speaker*

**Captain David "Roy"  
Rogers, USN (Ret)**

**Call for reservations  
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