

# The Sierra Wave

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

Betty Rowe, Editor  
January 2010

**January 15, 2010**  
**Dinner Meeting**  
**Carson Nugget**  
**5:30 Social Hour**  
**6:30 Buffet Dinner**

**Staff Sergeant**  
**Jerry E. Bray**  
**United States**  
**Marine Corps**



Our next meeting will be at the Carson Nugget, Friday, January 15, 2010. 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 11th. We must request that "no shows" be responsible for the price of their uneaten dinners.



## Skipper's Corner

Holly Smoke, the year is over and it's time to start over again. The year ended on a sour note, "so to speak", simply due to low attendance. Hopefully everyone will make an effort to attend more meetings this year. The SURVEY, for the biggest part only confirmed what we thought and that was that a lot of members were traveling from July through November. Several of our members indicated on the survey that they were either too old or just couldn't drive at night.

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## Please welcome our New Member

*Marlene G. Reinecke*



Bud presents CDR Paul Olin, CO of Topgun with Navy League plaque at the November, 09 Dinner meeting.

Staff Sergeant Jerry E. Bray was born in Louisville but raised in Russell Springs, Kentucky, and joined the Marine Corps his senior year of high school in 1996. He graduated recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina as a Private First Class. He attended Marine Combat Training (MCT) at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. He attended his Military Occupational School (MOS) at Camp Johnson, NC as a Motor Transport Vehicle Mechanic. PFC Bray received orders to Headquarters Battalion Truck Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division. After his promotion to Lance Corporal in May 1998, he deployed on a vehicle contact team to Panama, South America in April of 1999, where he was then promoted to Corporal in May of 1999. Corporal Bray then attended the Primary Marksmanship

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**Sorry, no bio this time, our  
suspect escaped and we  
ran out of time.**

## Navy League of the United States *Mission Statement*

*A civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that its' national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services - United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marine.*

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

**BRAY** (Continued from pg 1, column 2)

Instructors Course, where he taught rifle and pistol marksmanship to the Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in April of 2000, and received orders to Okinawa, Japan for one year. Sergeant Bray then reenlisted and received orders to the Motor Transport platoon, Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, CA and served as the HAZMAT / Safety Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge and Vehicle Mechanic. Sergeant Bray was one of 38 volunteers that deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom / Operation Iraqi Freedom at the beginning of the war where he was attached to Headquarters Battalion, Truck Company, 1st Marine Division out of Camp Pendleton, CA. After completion of his first tour of duty in Iraq Sergeant Bray received orders to the 1st Force Service Support Group (FSSG) in Camp Pendleton, CA. In November 2005 he volunteered to deploy with the Military Iraqi Transition Teams from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (I-MEF) G-10 as an Iraqi advisor to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Division. Sergeant Bray was scheduled to be deployed to Iraq for one year, but his tour was cut short on 27 April 2006 when he was wounded in Action (WIA) by an enemy 122mm mortar. Sergeant Bray was then transported Balad, Iraq and underwent his

first surgery and then transported to Germany and on to Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, CA. Sergeant Bray received a second surgery on 1 June 2006 and due to his hard work and drive to return to his team in Iraq he was released to full duty on 12 September 2006. Sergeant Bray never got to return to his team in Iraq but worked at the MEF as an instructor to all Transition Teams that deployed from Camp Pendleton from July 2006 - April 2008. He was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant on 1 November 2007. Staff Sergeant Bray is currently stationed at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, CA and serving as the Motor Transport Maintenance Chief.

His personal awards include the Purple Heart Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "V" and one gold star in lieu of second award, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with three bronze stars in lieu of subsequent awards, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.



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That being the case, if you knew who some of them were would you consider offering them a ride on occasion?

Having good speakers is always an important factor in our programs. Our scheduled speaker is a young man who grew up in Kentucky, joined the Marines after graduating high school in 1996. I would like you to hear his life's experiences as compared to the average thirty year old today. Having recovered from his wounds from an enemy mortar shell, today SSgt Bray serves as the Motor Transport Maintenance Chief at MWTC Pickel Meadows.

COL Cooling and SgtMaj Power hope to have an event for us to attend at MWTC this year. I'll keep you posted and if possible we will allow you to invite a friend to accompany you on the bus trip. We also hope to have a bus trip to NAS Fallon, more details on that later also.

NAS Fallon will hold its Change of Command some time in May, "stay tuned". I sincerely hope that we will have a good showing; Captain Glaser and Jeanne have attended many of our meetings while being very supportive of the Navy League.

I look forward to seeing you on the 15th and wish each of you a prosperous New Year.

**Bud Southard**  
President

Dan, to his invisible friend !

*Heck;..... I always get here early..... otherwise I would have to stand in line like those guys.....  
This way I have more time relax and visit with my friends instead of standing in line to buy refreshments.....  
That's the way I think of it.....get there early.....relax.....  
enjoy life.....no standing in line.....you know what I mean.....*





*CDR Paul Olin, Bud, Evelyn & Roland Peachee, Howard & Rosie Spreeman with Chloe and Paul Dierlam enjoyed the evening*



*Glenn Tierney and Don Rose; debating speed to weight and age ratio while being chased by a bear on a down hill slope ...*



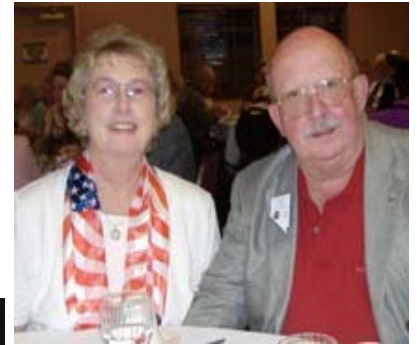
*Donna & Eric Moorman get the Raffle Ticket pitch from DeAnn and Carolyn*



*Don and Nancy Dallas, wine will do it every time ...*



*Pearl Harbor Survivors: "Our picture was in the paper again!"*



*"What's going on? I've seen that look before!"*



*Ron Soule' and Steve Vargo ignore Richard's warning that they better not take too many shrimp before he gets his share.*



*There's more to this than meets the eye. They've been up to something; Call the Sheriff!*



*The Shields, Harris's, and Alexander's pose the question: "Is it time to eat yet???"*



*"Mike and Bob, I get half the money for helping; don't I?"*



*Sheriff Kenny Furlong considers arresting Rosie, while Howard attempts to defend her for kicking him in the shin.*



*Irene and Dennis discuss the V&T while Dan Seaton lets his beard grow and Gloria tries to act like she is happy about him letting it grow.*

January 15, 2010, Friday	Dinner Meeting & Installation of Officers, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
February 2, 2010, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
March 19, 2010, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
April 6, 2010, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
May 21, 2010, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
June 8, 2010, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
July 16, 2010, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
August 3, 2010, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
September 17, 2010, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
October 5, 2010, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
November 19, 2010, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
December 7, 2010, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00

### Navy League Goals

1. *Educate national leaders and nation.*
2. *Support the men and women of the sea services.*
3. *Provide assistance to sea service families.*
4. *Support youth programs.*

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## **Council Dinner Meeting** **Friday, January 15, 2010**

**Social hour, 5:30 PM**

**Buffet dinner, 6:30 PM**

**\$25 per person**

*Carson Nugget*  
*Speaker*

*Staff Sergeant*  
*Jerry E. Bray, USMC*

**Call for reservations**  
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