

The Sierra Wave

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

Betty Rowe, Editor
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January 16, 2009
Installation Dinner
Meeting
Carson Nugget
5:30 Social Hour
6:30 Buffet Dinner

Captain Glaser
to speak at dinner
January 16, 2009



Our next meeting will be at the Carson Nugget, Friday, January 16, 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. The price is \$25 per person.

For last minute reservations, you may call Bob through noon, Monday, the 12th. We must request that "no shows" be responsible for the price of their uneaten dinners.

Bud's News Bits

People come and people go in all walks of life, some are more important to you than others. The following people have a very special meaning to our Council. To start with, Command Master Chief Casey Forsch and his wife Pam departed for Point Mugu CA back in December. I really enjoyed working with Casey and appreciate the support he gave the Navy League. We'll miss Casey and Pam.

The new Command Master Chief for NAS Fallon is Master Chief Fred Barton Jr. I've already paid him a visit I look forward to working with him.

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Captain Michael H. Glaser, USN, is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio and is married to the former Jeanne M. Horan of Mountain View, California. They have three daughters: Katherine, Mary Frances and Elizabeth. He assumed command of Naval Air Station Fallon in June of 2007.

Commissioned in May of 1983 through the NROTC program at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Captain Glaser was designated a Naval Aviator in January 1985. His first assignment was to the USS OKI-NAWA (LPH 3) based out of San Diego, California flying the UH-1N. Transitioning to the SH-3H and then the SH-60F/H, sea tours as GLASER Continued from page 1, column 2

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Skipper's Corner

This will be the last column I write as the President of your council.

The last year has been a good one, lots of interesting events, met a lot of great people, gave out awards to a lot of deserving persons, and I can say

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Pat Campbell 1931-2008



Our dear friend and loyal member of many years, Pat Campbell, passed away at her daughter's home in Dallas two days before Christmas. She served as Corresponding Secretary on the Board sending notes and cards to members and others. Pat's courage was an example to all. This gracious lady was and remains an inspiration! God's Speed, my friend!

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

BUD'S NEWS-BITS (Continued from pg 1, col. 1)

Command Sergeant Major Michael Redmyer pulled a set of orders for Korea and will be accompanied by his wife Cassie. Bob Prater and I attended the Changing of the Guard when Sergeant Major Douglas Powers relieved SgtMaj Redmyer as Command Sergeant Major of MWTC Pickel Meadows on December. We wish Michael and Cassie the best of luck and look forward to our new relationship with SgtMaj Powers.

Back in July of last year MWTC got a new CO, COL Norm Coling whom we met on our last visit to MWTC. I didn't get much on his background but plans are to have him as our speaker later this year so you'll get to meet him and know more about him.

Another long time friend and confidant, VFC-13's Command Senior Chief Randall Osborn accepted orders to Jacksonville Florida. He and his

wife Lisa will also be missed.

The latest one to leave was Commander John Visosky when he was relieved by LCDR Chris Healy as Officer in Charge of Fleet Readiness Center, WS Fallon. CDR Visosky

As each year passes by and we endeavor to keep our Council headed in the right direction, educating the membership and supporting the men and women of the sea services, I have come to realize what an important part the Navy League plays in my life. I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with some very special individuals over the past seven or eight years. For all of those that have departed recently, thank you for all of your support and for the new arrivals, welcome aboard.

The good News is there will be a Blue Angels Air Show at NAS Fallon on September the 11th so mark your Calendars.

-Bud Southard

SKIPPER (Continued from pg 1, column 3) that I enjoyed all of it very much.

Your new President will be Bud Southard, and as this will be his second time as President, he will bring a lot of experience to the job. I am sure it will be another great year for our Council.

Thank you for your support of the Navy League. Without it, like any other organization, it would merely be another "do nothing" club. Membership means everything so always invite a friend.

Thanks,

-Bob Prater, President



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a junior officer with the HS-2 "Golden Falcons" out of NAS North Island and as a department head with the HS-14 "Chargers" out of Atsugi, Japan followed.

Having screened for command, he reported to the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron SIX (HS-6) "Indians" in San Diego, California as Executive Officer in July of 1999 and assumed command of the squadron in December of 2000. During the squadron's deployment aboard the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) as part of Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11) they participated in the initial strikes of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM by providing Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) support for Coalition aircraft as well as developing the CSAR concept of operations for the Maritime Component Commander. In addition,

HS-6 in conjunction with HS-7 formed the Navy's first forward deployed CSAR detachment since the Vietnam War when elements of these squadrons were based in Pakistan to support the aviators flying over Afghanistan. During his tenure as Commanding Officer, HS-6 was recognized with the Navy Unit Commendation; the Navy Battle Efficiency Award as the best HS squadron in the Pacific Fleet; the Sikorsky Superior Maintenance Award; the Admiral Jimmy Thach Award for Tactical Excellence and the Commander, Pacific Fleet Retention Award for Fiscal Year 2002.

In May of 2002, Captain Glaser joined the crew of the USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) as the ship's navigator. During his two years onboard the NIMITZ, he contributed to her safely steaming over 100,000 nautical miles while sup-

porting combat operations in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and completing an eight month extended deployment.

Captain Glaser's shore tours include the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) in the Pentagon; the Bureau of Naval Personnel; the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center in Fallon, Nevada and as a student at both the Naval Command and Staff College and the National War College.

Captain Glaser has over 4,000 flight hours with 2,300 hours in the H-60F/H. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; the Meritorious Service Medal; the Navy Commendation Medal; the Navy Achievement Medal as well as various other campaign and expeditionary medals.

I Like the Navy Reflections of Vadm Harold Koenig, USN (Ret)

I like standing on the bridge wing at sunrise with salt spray in my face and clean ocean winds whipping in from the four quarters of the globe - the ship beneath me feeling like a living thing as her engines drive her through the sea.

I like the sounds of the Navy - the piercing trill of the boatswains pipe, the syncopated clangor of the ship's bell on the quarterdeck, the harsh squawk of the 1MC and the strong language and laughter of sailors at work.

I like the vessels of the Navy - nervous darting destroyers, plodding fleet auxiliaries, sleek submarines and steady solid carriers. I like the proud sonorous names of Navy capital ships: Midway, Lexington, Saratoga, Coral Sea - memorials of great battles won. I like the lean angular names of Navy 'tin-cans': Barney, Dahlgren, Mullinix, McCloy - mementos of heroes who went before us.

I like the tempo of a Navy band blaring through the topside speakers as we pull away from the oiler after refueling at sea. I like liberty call and the spicy scent of a foreign port. I even like all hands working parties as my ship fills herself with the multitude of supplies both mundane and exotic which she needs to cut her ties to the land and carry out her mission anywhere on the globe where there is water to float her.

I like sailors, men from all parts of the land, farms of the Midwest, small towns of New England, from the cities, the mountains and the prairies, from all walks of life. I trust and depend on them as they trust and depend on me - for professional competence, for comradeship, for

courage. In a word, they are "shipmates."

I like the surge of adventure in my heart when the word is passed "Now station the special sea and anchor detail - all hands to quarters for leaving port," and I like the infectious thrill of sighting home again, with the waving hands of welcome from family and friends waiting pier side. The work is hard and dangerous, the going rough at times, the parting from loved ones painful, but the companionship of robust Navy laughter, the all for one and one for all philosophy of the sea is ever present.

I like the serenity of the sea after a day of hard ship's work, as flying fish flit across the wave tops and sunset gives way to night. I like the feel of the Navy in darkness - the masthead lights, the red and green navigation lights and stern light, the pulsating phosphorescence of radar repeaters - they cut through the dusk and join with the mirror of stars overhead. And I like drifting off to sleep lulled by the myriad noises large and small that tell me that my ship is alive and well, and that my shipmates on watch will keep me safe.

I like quiet mid watches with the aroma of strong coffee - the life-blood of the Navy - permeating everywhere. And I like hectic watches when the exacting minuet of haze-gray shapes racing at flank speed keeps all hands on a razor edge of alertness. I like the sudden electricity of "General quarters, general quarters, all hands man your battle stations", followed by the hurried clamor of running feet on ladders and the resounding thump of watertight doors as the ship transforms

herself in a few brief seconds from a peaceful workplace to a weapon of war - ready for anything. And I like the sight of space-age equipment manned by youngsters clad in dungarees and sound-powered phones that their grandfathers would still recognize.

I like the traditions of the Navy and the men and women who made them. I like the proud names of Navy heroes: Halsey, Nimitz, Perry, Farragut, John Paul Jones. A sailor can find much in the Navy: comrades-in-arms, pride in self and country, mastery of the seaman's trade. An adolescent can find adulthood. And some find nothing but a disappointing self.

In years to come, when sailors are home from the sea, they will still remember with fondness and respect the ocean in all its moods - the impossible shimmering mirror calm and the storm-tossed green water surging over the bow. And then there will come again a faint whiff of stack gas, a faint echo of engine and rudder orders, a vision of the bright bunting of signal flags snapping at the yardarm, a refrain of hearty laughter in the wardroom and chief's quarters and mess decks. Gone ashore for good they will grow wistful about their Navy days, when the seas belonged to them and a new port of call was ever over the horizon.

Remembering this, they will stand taller and say:
"I WAS A SAILOR ONCE. I WAS PART OF THE NAVY AND THE NAVY WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF ME."

Coming Events

January 16, 2009, Friday	Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
February 3, 2009, Tuesday	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
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
December 1, 2008, Tues	Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's 5:00

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Social hour, 5:30 PM

Buffet dinner, 6:30 PM

\$25 per person

Carson Nugget

Speaker

*Captain Michael Glaser,
USN, Commanding Officer,
NAS Fallon*

Call for reservations

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