

The Sierra Wave

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

Bud Southard, Editor
November, 2011

**Wednesday,
November 16 ,
2011**
Dinner Meeting
Gold Dust West
5:00 Social Hr.
6:00 Dinner

Menu:

Sliced Roast Beef or

Breaded Chicken Parmesan with all the trimmings.

Price: \$25.00

For reservations please call Bud @ 882-7960 not later than Wednesday the 9th.

Please be responsible for meals not paid for.

PICTURES!

Don't forget to bring a picture of you or someone very special to you. Make your reservations Call Bud @ 882-7960 or Dennis @ 841-3825

Speaker

**Commander
Kirk S. Lippold
USN, Retired**



**Commander Kirk S. Lippold,
United States Navy (Ret.)**

Commander Lippold was the Commanding Officer of USS COLE when it came under a suicide terrorist attack by al Qaeda in the port of Aden, Yemen. During his command he and his crew distinguished themselves by saving this American war ship from sinking. This event is widely recognized as one of the most brazen acts of terrorism by al Qaeda (Continued on page 2, column 1)



Editor's corner

Ladies and gentlemen, aside from the fact that we have an outstanding speaker scheduled for this dinner, if you've never heard his personal recount of the day leading up to the attack on the USS Cole, your in for a surprise. Get your reservations in NOW.

Remember in September's News Letter I talked about everyone bringing their favorite military picture to display. Well, the time has come. As we celebrate Veteran's Day, honor the POWs and MIAs and last but not least once again pay recognition to the Pearl Harbor Survivors let's also display the pride we hold for those who served our great nation in uniform.

Regardless of the branch of service, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy or Merchant Marines bring either your picture or one of a relative to put on display.

Nominations for next years officer will be announced at this meeting. You can also nominate other people from the floor. Bud

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

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prior to September 11, 2001. With this unique and invaluable experience, Commander Lippold has briefed over 3,000 military officers and given over 100 presentations on this seminal event in the war on terrorism.

His assignments prior to the USS COLE included Executive Officer of USS SHILOH, an Aegis-class guided missile cruiser. His department head tour was unique in his assignment to the crew that commissioned the Navy's first Aegis guided missile destroyer. He served as the Operations Officer responsible for the training and operation of a next generation \$1 billion warship with a crew of over 300 Sailors. He had two division officer assignments, which included a tour on USS YORKTOWN, an Aegis class guided missile cruiser. There, he completed a lengthy seven and half month deployment to the Mediterranean, where he participated in the Achille Lauro aircraft seizure, Black Sea Freedom of Navigation operations against the Soviet Union, and Attain III combat operations in the Gulf of Sidra off of Libya that followed several Libyan sponsored terrorist attacks in Europe. His initial division officer tour was in USS FAIRFAX COUNTY, a tank landing ship, where he completed deployments to Beirut, Lebanon, in support of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Multinational Peacekeeping Force. It was during this deployment that the American

Embassy was attacked and severely damaged. His second deployment was as part of UNITAS XXV, which circumnavigated South America and included operations off the west coast of Africa.

Commander Lippold is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and received his commission in the Navy in 1981. He attended the Navy Postgraduate School from 1987 to 1989 where he received a Masters of Science in Systems Engineering (Joint Command, Control and Communications) with a subspecialty in International Strategy. He is a 1994 graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College and is also a 2001 graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College. He served as the Administrative Aide to the Secretary of the Navy under The Honorable John Dalton and The Honorable Richard Danzig. He recently served as Deputy Division Chief and Politico-Military Planner, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5), War on Terrorism Division, where he was instrumental in crafting detainee policy for the war on terrorism during its initial stages following the 9/11 attacks. His most recent assignment prior to retirement was as Section Chief for Regional Affairs, International Strategy Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (N5IS). He is now President of Base to Peak, LLC, specializing in motivational and business-oriented professional speaking and consulting. He is also the Senior Military Fellow at



AMI Eric S. Timme from Fleet Readiness Center West Detachment Fallon ® with his OIC LCDR Dave Baldwin during Carson City's Navy League annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony



ABH2 (AW/SW) Shannon A. Roop (L) from NAS Fallon with her Senior Enlisted Supervisor ABFC Deb Flem during the Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Military Families United, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to *Honor the Fallen, Support Those Who Fight, and Serve Their Families.*

Commander Lippold's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), in addition to various campaign and service ribbons.

“Special Event Invitation”

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GOLD DUST WEST CASINO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011
COCKTAILS 5:00 P.M. DINNER BEGINS AT 6:00. P.M. (NOTE NEW TIME)

On November 16, 2011, The Carson City Council of the Navy League of the United States is proud to have as our speaker Commander Kirk S. Lippold, USN (Ret.). CDR. Lippold was the Commanding Officer of the USS Cole (DDG-67) on October 12, 2000 when it was attacked by terrorists while refueling in the port of Aden, Yemen. CDR. Lippold will recount the events leading up to that day, as well as the attack and its aftermath.



It's anticipated the attendance will be larger than normal for this special program. Due to the importance of the presentation, a special seating reservation process will be put in place.

In order to accommodate the anticipated attendance, it's necessary that we have an accurate count of those who will attend the dinner. A firm commitment from those who will be requesting a reservation for themselves or for an entire table is necessary. Those who do not call and/or commit to attend cannot be guaranteed a seat for the dinner and presentation.

Please contact Dennis Johnson at 841-3825 or Bud Southard at 882-7960 prior to November 9, 2011, if you want to reserve a seat for the Dinner. Seating cannot be guaranteed for late shows.

Coming Events for 2011

Wednesday, November 16th
Tuesday, December 13th

Dinner Meeting, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
Board Meeting, Bud's, 5:00
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Council Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, November 16th, 2011

Social hour, 5:00 PM

Buffet dinner, 6:00 PM

\$25 per person

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USN Retired.

Former CO USS Cole

Call for reservations

Bud @ 882-7960



Naval Strike Air Warfare Center, NAS Fallon , NV. RADM Mark Vance relieves RADM John Miller during change of Command Ceremony 10-21-2011.

Notice
See page three and make your reservations now

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