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Moving Forward with Growth and Innovation Supporting our Sea Services and Youth Groups



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Hello everyone. I am so proud of our great start to 2025. Our partner program is incredibly vibrant, garnering new support each week, and positioning us to further our mission in support of the Sea Services. Meeting monthly at different venues, hosting incredible guests, and building out our membership, this first quarter has been quite strong.

Council Secretary Jerry St Germain and I represented the council at the annual in-person regional meeting in Fort Lauderdale in early March. The time together with other council leadership further highlighted how our council shines among the 16 Florida councils. National CEO, Mike Stevens, joined our meeting and specifically highlighted the obvious council strengths: direct support to the USCG and support to a growing cadre of youth programs. What's happening at Sarasota-Manatee is special and it's because of your involvement.

Earlier this month, several council members served as cashiers and ticket takers at the 101st Sarasota County Fair. In exchange for our service, the council received \$5,000 from the Fair. These funds directly support operations.

Read more inside the Anchor Line to learn about our sponsored units!

Council President, SMC of the Navy League



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Recent SMC Events

On Mar 20th the 52th National Navy League President Chris "Towny" and his wife, Betsy, joined us for a special dinner at The Lake Club in Lakewood Ranch. With just 77 days left in his tenure, Council President Gene Moran, thanked Townsend for his leadership and accomplishments. Townsend reflected on the Navy League's growth, membership increase, enhanced outreach, and financial stability, and highlighted the upcoming Sea-Air-Space Exposition. He also praised the Sarasota-Manatee Council's contributions to Youth Programs and support for the Coast Guard. The event was attended by various distinguished guests, including RADM (Ret.) Larry Chambers, the Honorable Jay Plager and former SMC President Tim Rocklein. The evening featured a color guard by the Imagine School of North Port Young Marines.



The Sarasota-Manatee Council-Navy League of the US proudly assisted with ticket services at Gate 4 for the 2025 Sarasota County Fair season dates. We were honored to be joined by the senior leadership of the Sarasota County Agricultural Fair Assoc. A big thank you for their support and to all our volunteers' participation



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On February 20th, 2025 the Sarasota-Manatee Council-Navy League of the US hosted a successful dinner event at The Lake Club in Lakewood Ranch with over 75 guests. The featured speaker, Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe Jr., USN, Director for Strategic Systems Programs and Director for Naval Nuclear Weapons Oversight Program spoke on the U.S. Navy's strategic plans, including the Columbia-class submarine program and strengthening military capabilities by 2027. Distinguished guests in attendance included VADM (Ret.) Doug Crowder, RADM (Ret.) Larry Chambers, RADM (Ret.) Rick Buchanan, and Senator Rick Scott's District Representative, Luis Laracunte. A special highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Navy League's highest recognition award, The Scroll of Honor, to Steve Bartek, VP of Youth Groups. VADM Wolfe and Council Secretary Jerry St Germain presented the award, along with a personal letter of recognition from Senator Rick Scott, in honor of Steve's outstanding leadership and dedication to over 1,000 students in the nine youth programs throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties. [Congratulations Steve!](#)



What a fabulous evening Jan 16th at the Sarasota-Manatee Council Bird Key Yacht Club Social! Our Vice President, Lorna N. Ow-Elroy kicked off the event with heartfelt opening remarks, thanking our members, partners, and guests, and introducing our guest speaker for the evening. USCG Chief Petty Officer (DCC) Tim Bakels, President of the Suncoast Chief Petty Officer Association, shared an inspiring update on the impact of our [\\$3,600 donation](#) to U.S. Coast Guard families affected by Hurricanes Milton and Helene. It was a powerful reminder of the difference we're making in the lives of those who serve.



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On Tuesday January 28, hundreds of Coast Guard members, along with family, friends, and community leaders, gathered at North Skyway Fishing Pier to honor the 23 lives lost when the USCGC Blackthorn capsized on January 28, 1980. Board members of the Sarasota-Manatee Council —Jared Sweetser, Gerald St. Germain, and Steve Bartek—presented a wreath during the solemn ceremony, paying tribute to the victims of the tragedy. The event marked the 45th anniversary of the collision between the Blackthorn and the motor vessel Capricorn near the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, which resulted in the loss of 23 crew members out of 50 aboard. Retired Master Chief Petty Officer John L. Chassereau, president of the Blackthorn Memorial Committee, expressed the Coast Guard’s enduring commitment to honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice: “The Coast Guard is honored to continue to recognize all those who gave their lives 45 years ago during the tragic Cutter Blackthorn event.” The ceremony featured a flyover by Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, a wreath laying, and an honor platoon representing each Blackthorn victim, as well as the laying of roses. Rear Adm. Douglas M. Schofield, Coast Guard District Seven Commander, presided over the official remarks.



On January 14th, the Sarasota-Manatee Council-Navy League of the US proudly participated in the Sarasota Non-Profit Expo at TPC Prestancia! Our incredible partnership team Jared Sweetser, Cindy Dickson, and Steve Bartek alongside our Blue & Gold Partner Stacey Maloney from Maloney Legal, had the honor of sharing our mission with the community. As a chapter of the Navy League of the United States, we’re dedicated to educating, advocating, and supporting America’s sea services: the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. Locally, we support nine school youth groups (NJROTC, Young Marines, Sea Cadets, USCG JROTC) and operational USCG units in Cortez and St. Petersburg. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth to learn more about how we serve Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Together, we can make waves of impact! Learn more about our work and how you can get involved: navyleague-sarasota-manatee.org



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USCG Sector St. Petersburg

USCG Cutter Resolute Atlantic East

USCG Air Station Clearwater Atlantic East

USCG Station Cortez

USCG Cutter Resolute

Greetings from south of the border! Team *Resolute* is heading home after spending 60 days down-range in support of Operation Vigilant Sentry (OVS). We patrolled the Windward Passage, Mona Passage, Old Bahama Channel, and Florida Straits, defending our maritime border and southern approaches. Some days we operated as part of a multi-ship task unit covering multiple smuggling vectors, while other days we sailed alone and unafraid as the only Coast Guard asset in the area. Through it all, the crew continually impressed me with their professionalism, enthusiasm, and work ethic while doing a tough mission in a challenging maritime environment.



Patrol Statistics

Miles steamed: 7,500
Gallons of fuel burnt: 52,000
Drills ran: 25
Qualifications: 55
Canal transits: 14
Anchoring evolutions: 5
Port calls changed: Too many
Tents built: 76
"Logistic runs:" 280
Super Bowls watched: 1
Fish Caught: 7
Toxic Gas scares: 1
"Friday" s' mores nights: 14
Friendship bracelets made: 72
Super Mario Kart games played: 50
MURPHS completed: 14
Memories made: ∞



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USCG Sector St. Petersburg

Jan 16, we had the privilege of advancing Hunter Hawkinberry to First Class Petty Officer. BM1 has been an amazing leader and operator at Station, he will be now serving as the Training Petty Officer responsible for training over 40 active duty personnel. His pride in service and devotion to duty has led him to this point and we all couldn't be any more proud of where he has arrived at in his successful career.
Congrats BM1!



The U.S. Coast Guard Station Cortez held a recent three-day Joint Search and Rescue training in preparation of the summer season with Manatee County Public Safety Department's Beach Patrol team, along with partner police and fire agencies. May the Fourth be with them throughout the summer and beyond as they keep our community safe on the water.



Station Cortez had a great day working alongside the talented crew from USCG Air Station Clearwater for helicopter operations! It's all in a good day's work as we join forces to enhance our maritime safety and response capabilities.



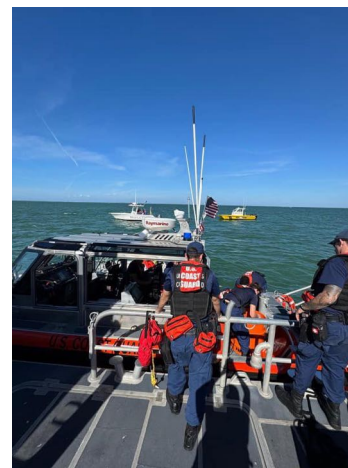
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United States Coast Guard News

March 15th a US Coast Guard Station St Petersburg boat crew rescued four boaters after their 18-foot vessel sank near Bayboro Harbor. The U.S. Coast Guard crew retrieved all four people from the water & transferred two, to a Pinellas County Sheriff's Office boat crew to meet St. Petersburg Fire Rescue at St. Petersburg Municipal Marina. The vessel was salvaged.



This past Feb 21 weekend one of our St. Pete crews assisted the US Coast Guard with a sinking vessel in Tampa Bay. They were able to dewater the boat together and tow the vessel to a nearby boat ramp. We always enjoy getting to work with the brave men and women of the Coast Guard!



Beautiful morning March 29th for the inaugural Clearwater Coast Guard 5K. We are so proud that Clearwater was designated the 12th official Coast Guard City in the US, and the first in Florida, in 2012. Our community's support and appreciation for the Coast Guard and service members continues to grow.



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VHS MCJROTC:

- Orienteering Practice and Air Rifle will be on Tues., Wed, Thur. from 2:30 to 4:00
- Air Rifle Competition at Sarasota Military Academy on Wed. Jan. 15th @ 3:00pm.
- Orienteering Comp. @ Radine Preserve on Sat. Jan. 18th
- Orienteering Comp. @ Tom Bennett Park on Sat. Jan. 25th
- Community Service Event @ Pelican Point on Sat. Jan. 25th - details TBD
- Student Parent Information Night - SPIN - Thur. Feb. 6th
- North Port Orienteering Comp - Sat. Feb. 8th
- VHS MCJROTC will get (very soon) it's 3rd Marine Corps 4 year National Scholarship this year. We've never done this before in our History.
- Partnership with Maris Point Retirement Community where we do events with the residents every Friday for 1 - 2 hours
- Color Guard for Col Norm McLelland on Tues. 11th at American Legion
- Corvette Club Flag Raising Sun. Mar. 16th
- Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Color Guard Sun. Mar. 30th
- ASVAB - Wed. April 2nd
- Navy League Awards Luncheon Tues. April 15th
- VHS MCJROTC Camping trip - all hands - Thur. & Fri. April 17th and 18th - Oscar Scherer State Park
- VHS MCJROTC Awards Night - Tues. 13th May - more details to follow
- VHS Military Signing Day - 1st Annual Event for everyone going into the Military - Wed. 14th May
- SPRING BREAK 14-23 Mar

US Naval Sea Cadets Maritime Eagles Manatee School for the Arts Palmetto

- 11JAN25 0800 - 1500 Mandatory Drill Manatee School of the Arts, 700 Haben BLVD, Palmetto FL
- 01FEB25 0800 - 1500 Mandatory Drill More information to come
- MAR25 0800-1500 Mandatory Drill, Manatee School of the Arts, 700 Haben BLVD, Palmetto FL. Dress Whites Inspection
- APR25 Saturday 0800 - Sunday 1300 Marksmanship Training and Camp Out with Sun Coast Sea Cadets
- 03MAY25 0800 - 1500 Mandatory Drill PRT and Family Picnic at Manatee School of the Arts, 700 Haben BLVD, Palmetto, FL. Suncoast Sea Cadets and their families will be invited to attend.
- June and July Sea Cadets Training
- 02Aug25 0800 - 1500 Mandatory Drill Manatee School of the Arts, 700 Haben BLVD, Palmetto FL
- ANNUAL INSPECTION - Our annual inspection will be conducted 23MAR25

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Young Marines Imagine School North Port

- January 8th visit lower campus to recruit 5th & 6th graders to join Young Marines and attend Recruit Training in February 2025.
- January 18th our monthly visit to spend time with Veterans at Gallery of North Port. 10-1pm. 4 Young Marines will attend to play games then enjoy lunch with them.
- January 25th 2nd Annual North Port Fire Rescue Open House. 7:30- 13:30pm.
- February 17th. North Port Police Department Fishing Tournament! 6:45 - 14:00pm. We will take school bus to Skyway bridge fishing pier. Prizes will be awarded for biggest fish caught, most fish caught and best overall catch.
- March 1st. Military Heritage Museum followed by a tour of Punta Gorda Airport. 8:30am -13:00pm.
- **WHAT:** Gallery of North Port
WHEN: Saturday April 19, 2025
WHERE: 1322 N. Main St. North Port
- **WHAT:** Easter Egg Hunt
WHEN: Friday April 11th, 2025
- **WHAT:** Big Truck Day.
WHEN: April 26th
WHERE: Cool Today Park
- **WHAT:** Trip to Washington DC. We are going to march in the Memorial Day Parade Monday May 26th, 2025.
WHEN: Friday May 23rd to Tuesday May 27th.

PPHS CG JROTC:

Our Academic team competed in the Level 2 JLAB virtual competition, they are trying to qualify for the national comp in Washington DC.

- We are preparing for our Annual inspection on March 4.
- We continually perform Color Guard for events, 3 more events planned for this month.
- Our Raider team competed at a National competition in Georgia in November, resulting in a 7th place overall, not bad for our first year at nationals.
- Rifle team has competed at 3 events and is ramping up for another competition next month.
- We have 3 field trips coming up in the next 3 months, CG Sector St Pete, Air Station Clearwater, and a camp out in Myakka City
- Lastly, we are on track to win our first Distinguished Unit award
- Venice Yacht Club Charity Bike Ride - Sun. Feb. 16th
- Silver Spring Orienteering - Sat. Feb. 22nd
- T. Mabry Carlton Orienteering - Sat. Mar. 1st
- Corvette Club Flag Raising - Sun. Mar. 16th
- SPRING BREAK 17-23 Mar

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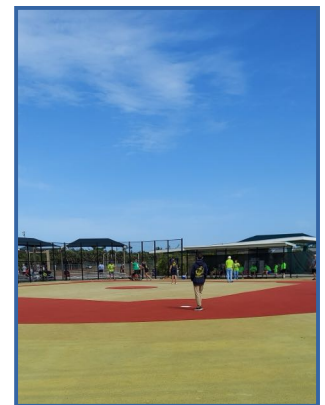
SMC Youth Groups News Items

Young Marines Venice Middle School

- Currently, YMs are preparing to start archery, while working on their advancement.
- VMYM will present colors at the February 1st Lightning vs Islander hockey game.
- We are also preparing for our 3rd Quarter event, which is an overnight at Kennedy Space Center, where the unit will sleep under Saturn V/Atlantis.
- Planning has begun for the 2025 VMYM Casino Night, coming up this April.
- February
- Archery (continued)
- Marksmanship
- Fishing
- Volunteering at Challenger Baseball (2/10)
- Color Guards for Chuck Ryder & Challenger Baseball (2/10)
- Shoot for the Stars 5K at Taylor Ranch School (2/24)
- Color Guard & Table Ushers for Sarasota County School-Related Employee of the Year (2/29)
- March
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park (End of Q Celebration)

NJROTC Lemon Bay High School

- 02 Mar - Orienteering: LBHS hosted Score Orienteering Championship event
- 04 Mar - Color Guard (for Tampa Bay Rays)
- 29 Mar - Planned: Color Guard - Vietnam Veterans Association (Punta Gorda)
- 29 Mar - Planned: Community Service - "Challenger" Baseball (Venice)
- 29 Mar - Participation in "Challenger Baseball" Game in Venice FL



NJROTC Port Charlotte High School

- PCHS NJROTC has raised enough money for a trip to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. Cadets will spend three days learning about life as a Marine Corps recruit in February.

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NJROTC North Port High School

- We qualified and went to back-to-back Academic State Championship for the first time.
- We have earned 12 trophies so far this year (which is a record) and still have 4 more comps left
- We have earned 37 medals so far this year
- We are heading up to Mayport Naval station on Friday (9 Feb) Orientation visit (overnight)
- We have had 93 promotions this year
- we are over 4,000 community service hours
- we earned/qualified for more 2 million dollars in scholarships funds
- Academics scores increased by 21 percent from last year
- New long-term substitute, FCC SAMUEL KIPE, who is waiting for the certification board to convene in March, who will most likely be the new NSI.
- Awarded Distinguished Unit, with Honors for SY 23/24. (07 MAR 25)
- Continuing to plan community service event upcoming with local community organization like Heron Creek, Knights of Columbus, North Port Youth Sport Programs.

NJROTC Charlotte High School

In January we have planned an orienteering trip up to Brooksville on the 11th as well as the Golden Apple Awards which our Color Guard will be presenting Colors at. On January 18th we have a Cypress Creek Drill Meet and on the 25th is brain brawl states which will be taking one or possibly two teams. January 18th - Lake Howell Drill Meet where we placed 6th overall out of 24 teams.

- January 25th - Brain Brawl States hosted at Bayside High School. We placed 13th out of 31 teams.
- January 30th - Presented Colors at our 1st NHL Hockey game - Tampa Bay Lightning
- February 10th - Presented Colors and a flag at a memorial service for a Vietnam Veteran. This was such a honor.
- February 14th - Will be performing Colors and armed drill routine at our Charlotte High School pep rally.
- February 20th Will be presenting Colors at the Navy League Dinner in Lakewood Ranch.

SMC Partnership Engagement Group Elevating Our Fund Raising and Out Reach to Record Levels

As reported last Fall, the SMC Board Engagement Team has been actively working through our outreach program to connect with local corporations, associations, businesses, and individual partners for funding support. We're excited to share that in the first quarter of 2025, we've welcomed new partners and raised over \$25,000 to date through our new partnership program—bringing our total fundraising since September to this milestone. Thank you to all our new partners! Your generous contributions directly support the funding of scholarships, provide opportunities for National Flight Academy recipients, strengthen our NINE Youth Programs, and assist our dedicated USCG Units and members. Together, we are making a meaningful difference!

Meet Our Partners

THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL PARTNERS

THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES (SARASOTA-MANATEE COUNCIL)

ADMIRAL'S CLUB
Smith Gift Fund

CAPTAIN'S CLUB
VADM. Doug Crowder, USN (Ret.)
Mrs. Susan Crowder
CAPT. Tim Rocklein, USN (Ret.)
CDR. Nel Rocklein, USN (Ret.)

BLUE & GOLD'S CLUB
Mr. Andy Morabe
Mrs. Diana Morabe

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Invitation to Partner with Us

We invite you to partner with the Navy League Sarasota-Manatee Council in supporting its vital mission to advocate for the Sea Services and promote the welfare of our nation's maritime forces. By aligning with the Council, you will have the opportunity to contribute to programs that honor and benefit active-duty military personnel, veterans, and their families, as well as foster maritime education and youth development through initiatives like Naval Sea Cadet programs and JROTC scholarships. Your partnership will help ensure that our maritime community remains strong, connected, and prepared for the future. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in honoring and supporting those who serve.

Partner with Us
Let's Make a Difference Together



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Partnership Tiers

Admiral's Club **Annual Partnership** *\$5000 and Above*

Benefits:

- Two (2) Memberships to Sarasota - Manatee Council
- Complimentary registration (s) for up to two (2) at all Sarasota - Manatee Council events
- Premium onsite event branding (Table Display) at selected events
- Navy League Admiral's Club Partner Name Tag
- Two (2) Navy League Lapel Pins
- Ten (10) Free Challenge Coins
- Named Scholarship

Acknowledgment for the time of your partnership:

- Main Web Page on the Sarasota - Manatee Council Website
- Anchor Line (Newsletter)
- Emails to membership
- Social media platform (Facebook / LinkedIn)
- Verbal recognition at all events

(Payment plan options available)

Captain's Club **Annual Partnership** *\$1000*

Benefits:

- One (1) Membership to Sarasota - Manatee Council
- Complimentary registration for one (1) at all Sarasota - Manatee Council events
- Premium onsite event branding (Table Display) at selected events
- Navy League Captain's Partners Name Tag
- One (1) Navy League Lapel Pin
- Five (5) Free Challenge Coins

Acknowledgment for the time of your partnership:

- Main Web Page on the Sarasota - Manatee Council Website
- Anchor Line (Newsletter)
- Social media platform (Facebook / LinkedIn)
- Verbal recognition at all events

Blue and Gold Club **Annual Partnership** *\$500*

Benefits:

- Navy League Blue and Gold Club Partner Name Tag
- One (1) Navy League Lapel Pin
- Two (2) Free Challenge Coins

Acknowledgment for the time of your partnership:

- Website on the Sarasota - Manatee Council Website
- Anchor Line (Newsletter)
- Social media platform (Facebook / LinkedIn)
- Verbal recognition at all events

SMC Fund Raising Initiatives Update

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Join the \$25 for 2025: Small Gift, Big Change!

The Shipmate Partnership is a philanthropic initiative created to provide ongoing support for both our active-duty sea services personnel and the youth programs that help develop future leaders. This program invites individuals to become monthly donors by contributing \$25. The goal is to build a dependable stream of funding that supports the unique needs of active-duty sailors in the Sarasota-Manatee region, as well as the families of those who serve. Additionally, contributions will support youth organizations like the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC, and Young Marines—programs that teach young people about the values and responsibilities of our nation's maritime services.

The Navy League of the United States is committed to supporting our nation's sea services, including the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine. The Sarasota-Manatee Council plays a critical role in this mission, particularly with several active-duty Coast Guard units stationed in our region. The Shipmate Partnership unites supporters who value patriotism, community service, and maritime strength, ensuring our active-duty personnel, their families, and the next generation of service members are supported in both their professional and personal growth.

Your monthly donation, whether \$10 or \$25, will help make a significant impact on those who serve and their families, as well as provide life-changing opportunities for the next generation of maritime leaders.

Join us in making 2025 a year of gratitude and generosity.
Together, we can make a real difference!



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Shipmate Partnership

Monthly Contribution
\$10 or \$25

Sign up once and sustain the giving throughout the year. Donors have the flexibility to cancel or adjust their participation at any time.

Benefits for Donors:

- **Recognition:** Your name will be prominently featured on our website, showing your commitment to supporting our U.S. Coast Guard and maritime youth programs.
- **Navy League e-Membership:** One-year e-membership with exclusive content and updates.
- **Personalized Navy League Name Tag:** A name tag to proudly display your support for those who serve.

Your contributions have already made a significant impact, funding projects such as:


- **Enhanced Communication for Deployed Personnel:** Providing sailors with access to entertainment and communication while deployed, such as network interfaces for personal devices, helping to maintain morale and connections with loved ones.
- **MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) Items:** Supplying much-needed resources for ships and Station Cortez.
- **Recognition of Outstanding Service:** Celebrating excellence through certificates for shipwide accomplishments, special dinners for on-duty sailors, and gift cards for exceptional personnel like Sailors of the Quarter.
- **Expanded Programs:** Programs provide young men and women with the opportunity to learn about teamwork, leadership, and service to their country, while also offering valuable skills that will serve them in both their personal and professional lives.

How to Join:

- Visit: Navigate to the Sarasota-Manatee Council's partnership portal.
- Select: Choose the Shipmate Partnership option.
- Subscribe: Set up a recurring \$10 or \$25 monthly payment.
- Connect: Enjoy the rewards of being a dedicated supporter and stay engaged with our activities and community.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of our active-duty personnel and the next generation of maritime leaders. Support our sea services and their communities today!

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**ANNUAL YOUTH PROGRAMS
AWARDS AND RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Plantation Golf and Country Club,
500 Rockley Blvd. Venice FL 34293
Luncheon 11:30am

Join us as we celebrate our Sea Services groups from our Youth Programs of Sea Cadets, Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard JROTCs, and Young Marines.

Guest Speaker is:
Dr. Agnes Pelopida, Asst. Principal North Port High School

**Full Luncheon Buffet \$35 for Members
\$45 for Non-members ([Join Here](#))**
* a portion helps defray the cost of meals for awardees

There is NO PAYMENT AT THE DOOR
On-line Tickets may be purchased at the
SMC Navy League Website ([Click Here](#))
Please purchase by April 13th.

MAY 22nd



Guest Speaker ADMIRAL (ret) BILL MORAN, Previous Vice Chief of Naval Operations 2016-2019, Board of Directors USAA The Lake Club Lakewood Ranch