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Glenview Council of the Navy League of the United States

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Mary A. Long, President

TOYS FOR TOTS GALA – On November 23rd, it was a glittering night at the Hilton Hotel for the Oscar-themed Gala. Guests were greeted on the red carpet by Hollywood columnists Louella Parsons and Hedda Hopper. Paparazzis were photographing the guests all evening. The silent and live auction raised funds for both Toys for Tots and our Youth Programs. I had the privilege of presenting a check to the Marines at Great Lakes for \$6,000 to purchase toys to fill in the collection age gaps (photo on page 4). The Council also allocated \$2,500 to support our Wheeling High School JNROTC and the Borling and Benfold Sea Cadet Units we sponsor. In addition, 300 toys were donated by our generous guests.

GREAT LAKES HOLIDAY PARTY – On December 3rd, Council members and friends helped Forest City, the military housing manager, bring joy to our military families. Over 200 children visited with Santa (Past President Don Long). Santa had the thrill of cuddling the youngest visitor, a one-week-old baby. A long line of children patiently waited for Mrs. Claus (Karen Porzak) to paint their faces and arms with a character of choice. The Council also donated over 300 treat bags for Santa to distribute to the children. Service members personally thanked us, and the smiles on the children's faces really lift our spirits every year.

USS ILLINOIS SSN-786 – Excitement is building on the commissioning of the USS Illinois. Council member Bobby Ferguson is Co-Chair and President, Mary Long is the Gift Chair. All of the Illinois Councils are involved on the committee led by the Aurora Council. The USS Illinois SSN -786 is the 13th Virginia Class nuclear submarine and is under construction at Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, CT. She is only the second U.S. Navy ship to be commissioned in the name "USS Illinois" since a battleship with that name was commissioned in 1897. Illinois high schools were asked to submit designs for the Ship's Crest. The Committee received 149 designs. The Selection Committee narrowed the submissions to 5 and the Ship will select the final winner. It is expected to be commissioned in December 2015. Glenview Council donated \$2,000 for the commissioning. Check the Website at ussillinois.org and consider making an individual donation to support the commissioning.

GLENVIEW COUNCIL WEBSITE – A website is under construction and probably will be completed at the time of this newsletter. Check the website <u>navyleagueglenview.org.</u>



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Glenview Council Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 25, 2015
Social Hour: 1:00 PM Luncheon: 1:45 PM
Club Casa
353 River Road, Des Plaines
Speaker: RADM Fred M. Midgette,

Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District



TOYS FORTOTS GALA 2014





2014 Great Lakes Holiday Party







On December 3, Glenview Council & Forest City personnel worked together to entertain military families based at Naval Station Great Lakes. A visit with Santa, face painting by Mrs. Claus, toys for the youngsters and sweet treats for everyone were highlights of the evening.





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