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Newsletter of

Glenview Council

Navy League of the United States



May 2023



President's Message



Upcoming Events

May 10, 2023 -- NJROTC Awards Ceremony

(All Glenview Council members are invited to attend these events. Contact President Barry Jacobson at 847-947-8025.)

Recent Events

Barry Jacobson, President

To the membership of the Glenview Council. My name is Barry Jacobson and I am in my second year of my second time as your Council President. This is an exciting position as we are still recovering from the pandemic era and our Board meetings are held via ZOOM. This is a great method as we can still meet face to face without leaving our place of residence.

Personally, let me introduce myself. I am 74 years old, married for 41 years, and retired. Both my wife and I are life members. I have been a Navy League member for 23 years as well as a member of the Sons of the American Legion for 13 years and a member of the USCG Auxiliary for 34 years

So far, this year, we have adopted the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Chicago, which I promised at last year's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. We have also been busy passing out awards to the Coast Guard, Navy, Marine Corps and the NJROTC at Wheeling High School.

At this time, the Council is planning this year's speaker luncheon at Club Casa Café in Des Plaines. Our speaker will be from Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Chicago. When the details have been finalized, notifications will be sent out to the membership.

Just to let you know, our Council Board meetings, held at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of each Month are open meetings via Zoom. All are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please send a message, with your email address

November 19, 2022 -- Toys for Tots Gala
February 4, 2023 -- Chicago's Own Young Marines Award Ceremony
March 19, 2023 -- Glenview Council Annual Meeting

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We are transitioning to a new format for the Glenview Council newsletter, The WORD, to make it more pleasing to the eye and allow more content. Your Council does many good things in support for the Sea Services and their families, and we want you to feel more a part of the good being done.

First, you will notice the addition of color. Printing and mailing a color edition has been cost prohibitive in the past. We are only able to do it now because there is no printing or postage cost associated with distribution via email. So, our plan is to distribute the newsletter electronically (email) to those members for which we have an email address (approximately 60%). For those whom we do not have a email address, we will mail a color copy one time, and ask for an email address. Thereafter, we plan to mail to members still without email address a black and white version. **So please, if you get a request from us for your email address, provide it in a email to Bobby Ferguson at fergusbv@gmail.com. We will not sell or give your email address to any person or entity. It is strictly for the use of Glenview Council.**

As the transition continues, we will add features of interest, such as the history of Naval Air

to Marge Kaup at
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YOUR Council and we would like to have
feedback from the membership

Thank you.

[Station Glenview, past events in Council history,](#)
[stories of the people who do the work of the](#)
[Council, etc. We are open to new ideas. We](#)
[want this to be an effective communications tool](#)
[to keep you informed and, hopefully, get you](#)
[more involved in Council activities.](#)

GLENVIEW COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

On March 19, 2023, Glenview Council held its Annual Meeting and Awards event. The Annual Meeting is vital to the Council as it affords the general membership to affirm the actions of the Board of Directors and Officers over the last year, and to elect officers for the new year. Both of these are required by our charter and bylaws, and to fulfill the requirements of the national Navy League and the laws of the State of Illinois. This year's event was held at Club Casa Cafe in Des Plaines. Guest speaker was Leonard Jakubiak, leader of Chicago's Own Young Marines, a youth program sponsored by the U. S. Marine Corps and supported by Glenview Council. Mr. Jakubiak has served as leader for many years and is retiring this year. As leader, he has positively influenced the lives of many young people.

Although Naval Air Station Glenview closed in 1995, Glenview Council continues to support the four commands that were headquartered there:

- Naval Air Reserves (since folded into the Navy Reserve Center Great Lakes)
- Navy Recruiting District Chicago (renamed to Navy Talent Acquisition Group)
- Marine Corps Air Control Group 48
- Coast Guard Air Station Chicago (moved to Air Station Detroit, with a seasonal presence at Air Facility Waukegan).

Each command is invited to nominate a member who most contributed to the success of the command's mission for the previous year. A team of Glenview Council members review the nominations and conducts and interview with each candidate. The winner is awarded Glenview Council's Past Presidents Award, has his/her name inscribed on the trophy, and gets to display the trophy for the coming year at his/her command.

Additionally, Glenview Council awards performance awards and community service awards to members of Coast Guard Station Wilmette and Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Chicago.

This is the highlight of the year for Glenview Council, and serves to remind us of the rich history of the Council, and why we exist -- to serve the men and women of the Sea Services in our area.



Glenview Council Annual President's Award presented by council officers to Sgt. Nichole K. Salas, MACG-48.



MACG-48 Past Presidents Award nominee Sgt Nichole K Salas.



Navy Reserve Center Past Presidents Award nominee NC1 Jaye F. DeVeyra.



Navy Talent Acquisition Group Past Presidents Award nominee HM1 Kevin Burkes.



Coast Guard Air Facility Waukegan Past Presidents Award nominee *Chief Salviti*.



Frank A. & Elaine Zold Koepke Community Service Award recipient MST3 Daniel C. Davy.

Toys For Tots Gala

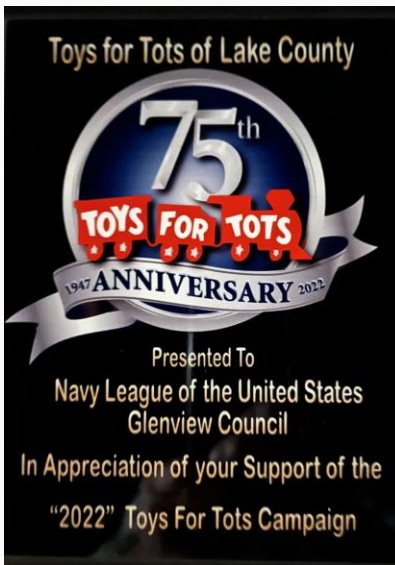
For over 50 years, Glenview Council has been hosting a Gala to raise funds for Marine Control Group 48's Toys for Tots Drive. On November 19, 2022, the Gala was held at the Chicago Hilton in Northbrook, and was a smashing success! Marines use funds from the Gala to purchase more toys to distribute to children in the area who might not otherwise have a Christmas. We are all familiar with the Toys for Tots collection boxes we see in public places around town. As we learned a few years ago, donations do not always match up with needs. It is much easier to pick out a toy for a toddler than a teenager (and cheaper!). Consequently, there would be unmet needs were it not for funds raised by Glenview Council and other organizations. From our gala, we donated \$5,000 to MACG-48 to purchase toys.



Marines from MACG-48 at Gala



Council President Barry Jacobson and
Gala Co-Chair Nick Kaup present check
MACG-48



Plaque from MACG-48 presented to Glenview Council

Navy Junior Reserve

Officers Training Corps

(NJROTC)

Glenview Council also continues to support the NJOTC program at Wheeling High School. Each year we provide two college scholarships of \$500 each to deserving Cadets as selected by the Senior Military Science Instructor, a Citizenship Award, and a Community Service Award. Members of Glenview Council attend their events, such as Pass-in-Review and Awards Night. In addition to a yearly stipend of \$500, from time to time we are asked for ad hoc monetary support. Such was the case in 2022, when the unit wpm their regional competition in drill team, and were invited to compete with other regional winners in a national event in Pensacola, FL. Below is a letter from the unit's commander, LtCol Wayne Beyer (USMC - Ret'd).

The Navy Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps of District 214 - Wheeling High School prides itself on creating more responsible, well-informed citizens and leaders. Coming out of COVID, our unit has been very active in our community and with Navy JROTC activities. This year, with a very young and inexperienced drill team, and coming through the tragedy of losing a fellow cadet just weeks before the Area 3 championship competition, we pulled off the most unbelievable accomplishment. We unseated the 17-year, Area Three reigning Champions from Zion Benton. We shocked everyone (including ourselves) and have been chosen to represent Area Three West at the Navy National Championships in Pensacola FL, April 1st and 2nd. One Naval Science instructor from another school said to me: "I've been doing this for 20 years and I've been waiting for someone other than Zion Benton's name to be called as the A3 Champions. Well done Wheeling!" I knew our kids were good, and with a good strategy I hoped we might place 5th or even 4th, but first place really was shocking. Having devoted their efforts to their fallen fellow cadet, and overcoming the most overwhelming odds, winning was quite an emotional event.

Area 3 West Regional Championships – Armed Drill D214-WHS staging for drill D214-WHS PT competition D214-WHS - Unarmed Drill

At one moment during our celebrating, Senior Chief looked at me and said: "You know we have to raise some serious money, and fast, to go to the National Championships, right?" Reality sunk in, this will be expensive and we hadn't considered this cost in our budget. Winning Area 3 was not even on the radar as a remote possibility, but here we are.

We are asking all of the military organizations in the D214 area, and many local businesses for donations so that we can bring the 30 Drill team members and chaperones to the National Championships where

our cadets will spend 4-days competing against the best schools in the country in Physical Fitness, Academic, and Drill competitions.

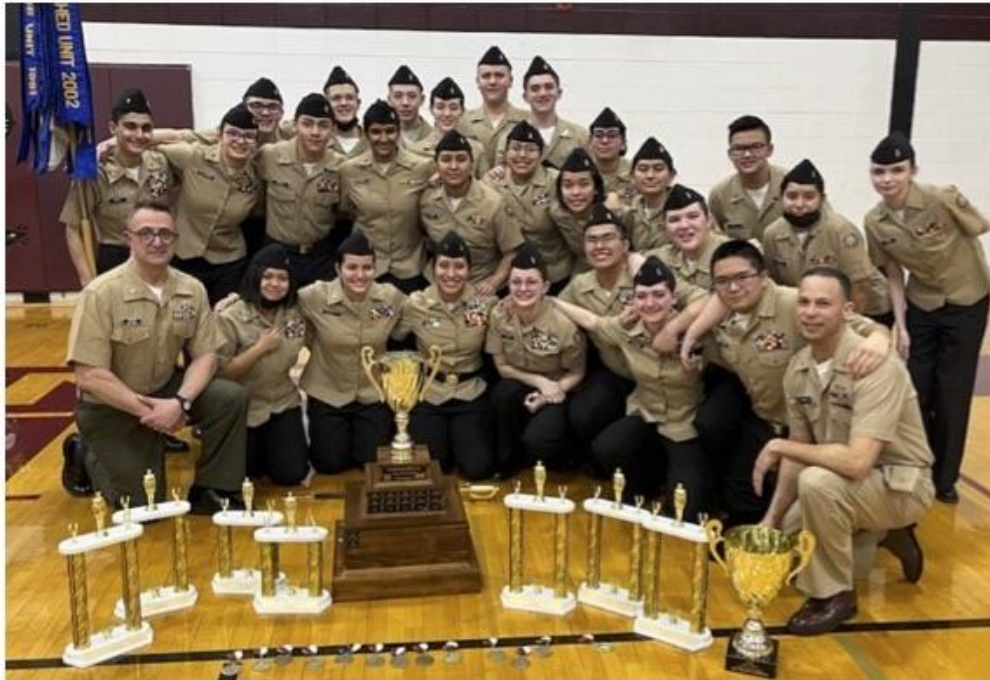
Please consider sponsoring a cadet with a donation between \$400 - \$500 to the D214- Wheeling High School NJROTC program so we can take these great kids to Navy Nationals and compete at the highest level. Our Goal is to raise \$25,000 by March 20.

Thank you for your support! Sincerely

Wayne Beyer

LtCol. USMC(Ret)

Senior Naval Science Instructor D214-Wheeling High School



**The new, NJROTC Area 3 West, Academic, Physical Fitness and Drill Team Regional Champions!
D214 – Wheeling High School**



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