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New Voice to Congress Website

Our new Voice to Congress website is now live! You can access the home page at <https://www.votervoice.net/NavyLeague/home> and find all our active campaigns, with the highlighted campaigns at the top on the sliding banner.

When you click any campaign, it will bring up the information page first with helpful information about the campaign including outside links to more details. On the right side you will find the tool to send the message to your representatives by email, as well as post a Facebook message, along with a place to input your information. In the future your information will be pre-entered.

Please let us know at sfuentes@navyleague.org or rsimon@navyleague.org if you have suggestions for the new site to empower you and your fellow Navy League members to be powerful advocates for the Sea Services!

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Navy League in Washington

The Navy League co-sponsored the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus breakfast this week. The speaker was the new Deputy Assistant Secretary, Ships, for the U.S. Navy. Over 90 people, including five Members of Congress and numerous staffers, heard from him on Navy ship programs.

Additionally, the Navy League hosted RADM William Galinis, PEO Ships, at its Special Topic Breakfast series. This event was open to

the media, and you can read coverage of his remarks in the articles below.

- [PEO Ships: 'A Little Risk,' 'Evolutionary Approach' to Shipbuilding Needed](#)
- [Destroyers Maxed Out, Navy Looks to New Hulls](#)
- [The Navy May Use One Hull Design to Replace Its Cruisers and Some Destroyers](#)
- [PEO Ships: Future Surface Combatant Hull Still Undecided, But will Use Flight III DDG-51 Combat System](#)
- [US Navy's Surface Ship Program Head confident on meeting 355-ship goal](#)
- [New Steel Tariffs Not Derailing Plans for 355-Ship Navy Yet: Admiral](#)

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Make Your Appointments Now!

Recess is in just a couple of weeks! Now's the time to set up appointments for Navy League Grass Roots briefs in your district. [Let us know](#) if you need any guidance.

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2019 NDAA Endgame Begins

The House and Senate have both voted to go to conference to reconcile their respective National Defense Authorization Bills for Fiscal year 2019. Wednesday marked the first meeting of the conference committee. The committee is aiming to finish its work and send an NDAA to the President before the August recess.

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Defense Appropriations

Senator Richard Shelby, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee as well as the Defense Subcommittee, told CQ he is hoping to bring the Fiscal Year 2019 Defense appropriations legislation to the Senate floor for debate and vote the last week of July. The House passed its

Fiscal Year 2019 Defense appropriations bill 359-49 on June 28.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to your councils, as well as friends and potential Navy League members!



(July 9, 2018) An undated FILE PHOTO of Ensign Sarah Mitchell, 23, from Feasterville, Penn. Mitchell [died from injuries sustained aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham](#) (DD 109), July 8, 2018. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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Other stories of interest:

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[Has the US Navy thought this new frigate through? New report raises questions. - Defense News/July 9](#)

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Navy is rapidly moving toward procuring the first hull in its new class of frigate in 2020, but a new report is raising questions about whether the Navy has done detailed analysis about what it needs out of the ship before barging ahead.

[Bollinger: New Icebreakers Could be Built in Florida - Marine Link/July 9](#)

As the U.S. Coast Guard continues planning for the construction of the new icebreakers it desperately needs, U.S. shipbuilder Bollinger Shipyards says it has a facility suitable to build them.

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Seapower

[China & Russia In The Arctic: Axis Of Ambivalence - Breaking Defense/July 6](#)

STIMSON CENTER: China and Russia are working together ever more closely in the Arctic, exploiting a policy vacuum in the US, an international panel of experts said here. But Sino-Russian cooperation is almost entirely commercial, focused on trade routes, offshore oil, telecommunications (most satellites don't cover the Arctic), and tourism. A military alliance is unlikely given Russia's deep ambivalence about China's growing influence in general and their very different views on who should run the Arctic in particular: the eight circumpolar countries alone - including both Russia and the US - or a larger group that includes self-declared "near-Arctic" nations like China.

[Bremerton's Military Sealift vessels head out for sea stint - Kitsap Sun/July 12](#)

There's one less Navy ship lined up along the Bremerton waterfront. But the missing vessel isn't one of Naval Base Kitsap's homeported aircraft carriers or submarines that frequently move in and out of port.

Military Sealift Command's USNS Fisher made its way out to sea on Wednesday to shake off the dust for sea trials after the completion of a maintenance period, said MSC Pacific spokeswoman Sarah Burford.

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Surface and Submarine Warfare

[Evolved Seasparrow Missile Block 2 Successfully Intercepts Aerial Target in First Live Fire Test - USNI News/June 6](#)

The NATO Seasparrow Project Office recently conducted the first live fire test of the Evolved Seasparrow Missile (ESSM) Block 2 anti-air missile, proving out the missile's new seeker. The ESSM Block 2 successfully intercepted a BQM-74E aerial target with its active guidance seeker-head, the main technology that distinguishes Block 2 from the in-service semi-active homing ESSM that finds its target via radar and midcourse data uplinks from the ship that fired the missile. Block 2 will have both active and semi-active guidance systems.

[Why Washington state is a key testing ground for the Navy's underwater drones - Navy Times/July 9](#)

KEYPORT, Wash. - For the past 100 years, Keyport has been home to one of Navy's primary efforts to research, develop and test torpedoes, which earned the small, waterfront community the moniker of "Torpedo Town, U.S.A."

[Navy Hopes for Commonality - Or at Least Interoperability - With Frigates in Australia, Canada, U.K. - USNI News/July 12](#)

CAPITOL HILL - The U.S. Navy is in talks with Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom in the hopes that all four navies will design and field frigates with common combat systems - or at least interoperable ones - the deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for ships told USNI News.

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Aviation

[Navy Attack Sub "Fly-by-Wire" Tech Inspires Strategy Shift Toward Undersea ISR - Warrior Maven/July 7](#)

The Navy is expanding its attack submarine strategy to further emphasize enhanced "spy" like intelligence, surveillance reconnaissance missions to quietly patrol shallow waters near enemy coastline - scanning for enemy submarines, surface ships and coastal threats.



NORFOLK (July 4, 2018) The aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) and the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) are moored at full dress next to the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Dan Snow/Released

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