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# Briefing

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## Navy League's Biggest Night Is Nov. 9

It's been a good year for the Jacksonville Council so far...but if you make it to just one event in 2011, make it to this one!

Beginning at 6 p.m., Nov. 9, our Navy League Council will say Thank you to U.S. military Veterans from World War II through the current war in Iraq and Afghanistan at the **Salute to Veterans Honors Dinner & Prize Drawing** at the Florida Yacht Club. All Veterans, whether members of Navy League or not, are invited to this gala event.

The evening will include:

- The Yacht Club's signature beef tenderloin dinner;
- A stirring tribute to all Veterans in attendance for their service to America;

### *Salute to Veterans* **Honors Dinner & George M. Linville Memorial Prize Drawing**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

**Florida Yacht Club,  
5210 Yacht Club Rd.**

#### **Dinner Menu**

Filet of beef tenderloin  
herb roasted new potato - rolls  
house salad - seasonal vegetable  
dessert - iced tea and coffee

Per person \$40, Cash bar

- **George Linville Tribute**
- **Veterans Prize Drawing**
- **\$25,000 Grand Drawing**

RSVP by Nov. 4: 425-5691



**George Linville doing what he loved best.**

- A just-for-Vets prize drawing for a selection of gifts donated by area businesses; and
- A special remembrance of the late George Linville, long-time JaxCouncil Vice President of Fund-raising, renowned American patriot,

and Jacksonville civic leader. George had a leadership role in every Council fund-raiser over the last decade until his untimely passing two years ago.

The highlight of the evening will be the George Linville Memorial Prize Drawing, with prizes worth more than \$25,000. Drawing tickets are currently on sale for \$10, six for \$50 and 13 for \$100. A maximum of 5000 will be sold.

Tickets have been mailed to all council members and are also available from board members. Tickets will be available for sale at the dinner, unless the maximum number has been sold beforehand. The Board of Directors asks that ALL council members strive to sell ALL of the tickets!

The grand prize is an 11-day trip for two to Europe, for which the winner can choose the cities to be visited and the dates of travel.

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## Blue Angels to Headline Air Show

The world-famous Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team will headline what promises to be a remarkable Air Show commemorating the Centennial of Naval Aviation, Nov. 5-6 at NAS Jacksonville. Your Navy League Jacksonville Council will sponsor a VIP flight line chalet, offering prime seating, food and beverages, and on-site rest room facilities. Jacksonville Council members may bring up to three guests. Entry fee with advance registration: Adults: \$20, children 12 and under: \$15. Space is

limited. Call 425-5691 to RSVP by Nov. 1. For details, see page 4.



## Remembering Two Heroes, Concern for Another

By Alan R. Joyce, President

“Life has a way of throwing us curve balls” may be a fitting analogy for my column during October when the World Series is being contested, but it’s definitely an accurate one for your Navy League council this year.

As we strive to tie up all the loose ends for our two biggest events in recent history—the Centennial of Naval Aviation Air Show, Nov. 5-6 and our Salute to Veterans Honors Dinner and Prize Drawing Nov. 9 at which we will pay tribute to the late inimitable fund-raiser and American Patriot George Linville—we have also been saddened by the loss of long-time member and World War II veteran John Morrett Oct. 14 at age 95 and are greatly concerned for our friend and council treasurer Jerry Spinks, fighting for his life in St. Vincent’s Medical



Center following difficult intestinal surgery. As we go to press, Jerry remains gravely ill in critical care.

I want to elaborate on each of these heroes briefly:

**George Linville** never met a man or a fund-raiser he didn’t like. He loved his country, and he loved Navy League. He led every council fund-raiser in recent memory, as well as auctions and other events for many other non-profits until his untimely passing two years ago. It is most appropriate that we have named this year’s Salute to Veterans Prize Drawing in his memory.

**John Morrett** was an Army Reserve lieutenant called to duty soon after America was plunged into World War II. He survived the Bataan death march, 2½ years in Japanese prison camps, and the torpedoing of the ship on which he and more than 750 other POWs



were being taken to Japan. After his repatriation, John became an Episcopal priest and missionary, serving churches and missions Ohio, Hawaii and the Far East. He was a long-time member of this council and served a term as national Navy League chaplain.

**Jerry Spinks**, a retired attorney, has long been an essential component of many Jacksonville organizations, including Rotary, Riverside Avondale Preservation, the Jacksonville Historical Society and, of course, Navy League, where he has served several years as our council treasurer. Many hundreds of his friends and colleagues throughout Jacksonville are earnestly praying for his recovery.

Please keep Jerry and his family, as well as the families of George and John, in your thoughts and prayers.

I look forward to seeing you at our air show chalet Nov. 5 or 6 and the Salute to Veterans dinner and drawing, Nov. 9. Don’t forget to RSVP for both events: 425-5691.

## Council, Squadron Honor Outstanding Cadet

By Douglas Tillett, V.P. Youth

Each year the Navy League Jacksonville Council and the F. D. Roosevelt Sea Cadet Squadron, which it sponsors, honor the young man or woman chosen as the Outstanding Cadet of the Year. This year’s honoree, Petty Officer 3rd Class Bradley Langmaid, was selected for the award because he has embraced the responsibility of leadership of his

fellow cadets, is popular with his peers, and is respected by the adult leaders.

For his accomplishment, Cadet Langmaid, a high school senior completing his third year as a Sea Cadet, recently received the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal, an award established by the Navy League to recognize young people who best exemplify Roosevelt’s values of energy, spirit, competition, and fair play. The medal is typically awarded to the top member of Sea Cadet and NJROTC units.

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In other news, the U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps national office recently approved the Navy working uniform (NWU) for wear by Sea Cadets and officers. The NWU features a multi-color digital print pattern similar to those introduced by other services. The color is predominately blue, with some gray, for the majority of sailors and shipboard use. The overall blue color reflects the Navy’s heritage, the

pixelated pattern is used to hide wear and stains, and the colors were chosen to match the most commonly used paint colors aboard ship, extending the lifetime of the uniform on long deployments where uniforms often come into contact with freshly painted surfaces.

Now that the standard has been established for Sea Cadets wearing the NWU, the F. D. Roosevelt Squadron plans to obtain an NWU uniform for each unit member. Despite scarce supplies and funding challenges, we anticipate being one of the first units to convert to the new uniforms.



**Sea Cadets Regional Director June Tillett wears newly approved NWU.**



**Cadet Langmaid accepts award from V.P. Youth Doug Tillett.**



## USS Jacksonville Crew Sends Thanks to Jags, Suns

The captain and crew of the *USS Jacksonville (SSN-699)* recently sent Navy League JaxCouncil a shipment of signature ball caps, plaques and framed photos for delivery to some

well-known supporters in Jacksonville in appreciation for sports memorabilia now on permanent display on the submarine. At left, JaxCouncil board members Bob Kidd, Frank Upton and President Alan

Joyce (from left) deliver gifts to Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver. At right, board member Dolly Sedwick and Upton make a similar delivery to Suns owner Peter Bragan.

## Linville Drawing Features \$25,000 in Prizes

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Other prizes appear in the box below right. The list is not yet complete as additional prizes continue to be added.

Salute to Veterans provides the primary source of income for our council. Proceeds enable the council to continue

sponsorship of our Sea Cadet units at NAS Jacksonville, providing an important source of early training and familiarization for high school students interested in military service. Salute to Veterans also supports the Tillie Fowler Memorial Navy ROTC Scholarship Fund

at Jacksonville University and funds the council's fleet support activities, notably our Adopt-a-Ship initiative with the crew of the *USS Jacksonville* attack submarine.

Reservations: Call the JaxCouncil RSVP Line at 425-5691 by Nov. 4.

### 2011 Calendar

Upcoming events for JaxCouncil members and guests:

**Nov. 5-6:** Centennial of Naval Aviation/Blue Angels Air Show & Navy League VIP Chalet, NAS Jacksonville

**Nov. 9:** Salute to Veterans Dinner & George M. Linville Memorial Drawing, 6 p.m., Florida Yacht Club

**Dec. 8:** World War II Commemorative Luncheon, noon, the River Club

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**Jan. 24:** Annual Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers and Directors, 6 p.m., Florida Yacht Club

### Salute to Veterans Partial Prize List\*



• **Grand Prize: 11-day European Trip for 2. Value: \$12,945**

- \$1000 in cash
- Apple i-PAD 2 - (2)
- 50-inch high definition plasma TV
- Amelia Island golf weekend
- Stearman vintage aircraft ride
- Laptop computer
- Digital camera
- 32-inch HDTV

- White Oak Plantation golf outing
- Coach purse
- TPC 2012 week-long pass for 2
- Busch Gardens weekend
- Golf for 3 at Timuquana C. C.
- Jacksonville Symphony entertainment package for 2
- 2-night stay at Southpoint Marriott
- Stoerger 12-gauge shotgun - donated by Hank Haynes
- Bastian sterling silver and diamond earrings - donated by Harby Jewelers
- Aviation art by Duffy Soto
- Jaguars autographed football
- Golf for 4 at Fleming Island G. C.
- TPC autographed hole flags (2)

\* Prizes still being added

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## Enjoy NAS Air Show in VIP Style!



**By Chuck Tamblin,  
V.P. Programs**

NAS Jacksonville has seen its share of air shows over the years, but the 2011 event commemorating the Centennial of Naval Aviation promises to be something special. Likewise, the Navy League Jacksonville Council is stepping up its game with a VIP "chalet," located near air show center fronting the flight line. To get any closer to the heart of the event you would need clearance to fly!

The chalet will be open both Saturday, Nov. 5 and Sunday, Nov. 6 and is reserved exclusively for Navy League members in good standing and up to three guests by advance reservation only.

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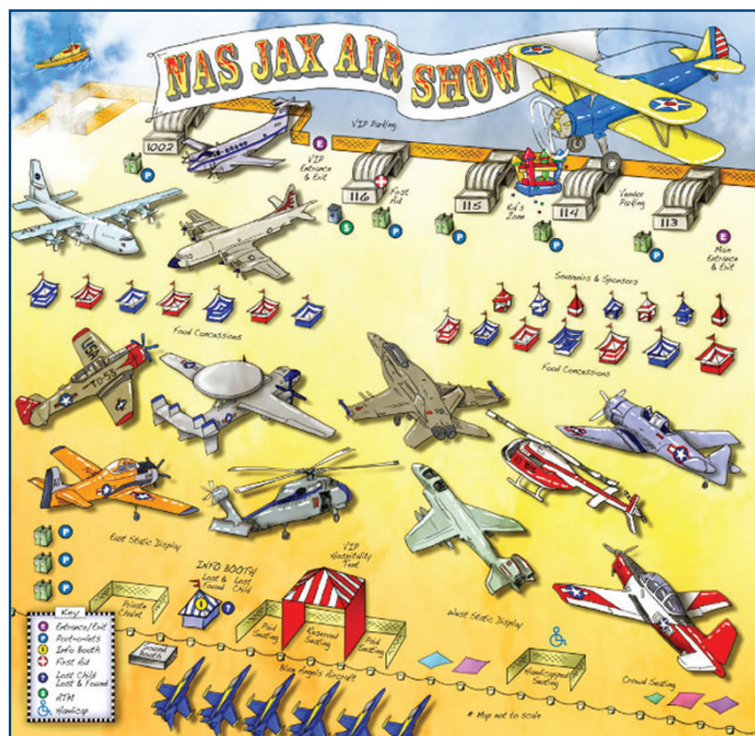
Cost for Jax Council members is \$20 (\$15 for children to age 12), which includes front row seating, food, beverages, fellowship and on-site portable rest room facilities.

Because capacity is limited, call 425-5691 early with your choice of either Saturday or Sunday and number of guests. Be sure to leave your phone number.

Once the allotted slots are filled, no more reservations will be accepted. Reservations will be honored only for the day requested, even in the event of bad weather.

Gates to the naval air station will open at 9 a.m.; flying begins at 10 a.m. Admission to the base and parking are free. Besides the Blue Angels and other performances, the show will include a great presentation of static display aircraft and a Kids Zone.

Note for members arriving from Orange Park and points south on



Roosevelt Boulevard: Save up to 45 minutes by remaining in the left lane until past the Birmingham (south) gate, then easing to the right and entering through the Yorktown (main) gate.

For details on the schedule, confirmed performers, security procedures and authorized items visit:  
[www.airshow.jacksonville.com](http://www.airshow.jacksonville.com).

For more information about the Centennial of Naval Aviation: [www.public.navy.mil/airfor/centennial/Pages/welcome.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/centennial/Pages/welcome.aspx).

### JaxCouncil Chalet NAS Jax Air Show

**November 5-6  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Navy League & ANA members  
with up to 3 guests**

**JaxCouncil: \$20 (under 13: \$15)**

**By advance reservation  
to 425-5691 by Nov. 1**

**Reservations good only on the day  
requested - No switching please**