



Navy League of the United States Minnesota Council



USS MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL (LCS 21) COMMISSIONING DELAYED



The Minnesota Navy League had been planning for the commissioning of the USS Minneapolis Saint Paul (LCS 21) to occur this Spring in Duluth. In January, the Navy confirmed that this will not occur.

The ship's delivery to the Navy remains on hold until a design defect associated with bearings in the combining gear's high-speed clutch are resolved. In the last year, the Navy has linked propulsion failures in USS Detroit (LCS-7) and USS Little Rock (LCS-9) to this design defect in the bearings system that links the ship's Rolls Royce MT30 gas turbines and the ship's Colt-Pielstick diesel engines, which power the main drive shaft to achieve the ship's 40-knot top speed. Over a period of time, the bearings wear faster than anticipated and result in a failure of the combining gear.

The Navy is intending to put the design fix into place with a two-phase test plan. First with land-based testing done at the original equipment manufacturer this spring, followed by at sea testing on USS Minneapolis Saint Paul and USS Cooperstown in Fincantieri. Once the design defect is corrected the Navy will work with the commissioning committee, the cities of Duluth, Minneapolis, and Saint Paul to identify a commissioning date that works for all stakeholders. The Navy is committed to still having the commissioning occur in Duluth.

During this time, the Commissioning Committee will aggressively continue with fundraising, with a goal of \$400,000. The Committee is pursuing corporate donations as well as requesting assistance from the Minnesota Legislature. Additionally, corporations and individuals can donate directly on our website at: <https://navyleaguemn.org/lcs-sponsor-donation-levels>



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LCS Merchandise is also available for purchase on our website <https://navyleaguemn.org/lcs-store>. Items include:

- An official, limited edition, collectible print the future USS Minneapolis Saint Paul (LCS21). Prints are available in both signed/numbered and unsigned options, with two sizes costing from \$75 - \$225.
- A USS Minneapolis Saint Paul (LCS 21) baseball cap for \$25.
- A unique commissioning coin that features not only LCS 21, but ships previously named for Minneapolis and Saint Paul (USS Minneapolis (CA 36), USS St Paul (CA 73) and USS Minneapolis-St Paul (SSN 783)). Coins cost is \$15 each.
- Finally, we are offering a LCS 21 patch that features the ships crest for \$15.

“While we are disappointed the commissioning of USS Minneapolis Saint Paul (LCS 21) is delayed, we remain optimistic this historic event will take place in Duluth, and continue planning for a memorable public event that will honor the ship that bears the name of two great Minnesota cities,” said Brian Skon, Chairman of the USS Minneapolis Saint Paul Commissioning Committee.

A Message from the Minnesota Council President



Our lives have been disrupted beyond belief in the past year. One year ago, the Covid-19 pandemic came roaring into our country and across the globe. It has dramatically affected how we do just about everything in our daily lives. It has not been easy and we have been challenged in our lives, but as true American's we have shouldered on and have done the work to stay safe, mask up, and manage gathering together safely. I urge all of you to continue to do so and get your vaccine as soon as you are able.

The Navy League has had to make adjustments over the past year and looking forward too. The biggest has been the delay in our commissioning event for the USS Minneapolis Saint Paul LCS21. This delay is due to an engineering problem that is currently being fixed by Lockheed Martin and the Navy.

We are awaiting an update from the Navy on when the commissioning will be scheduled and as soon as we hear we will broadcast far and wide on our website and in the media. So, for now we are in a wait and see status while things move forward. All details for the event and registration information are on our website: www.lcs21.org and we encourage everyone to link in, become an advocate and hopefully a donor to our efforts.

We continue to stay busy with other Naval activities around the state. The Navy Talent Acquisition Group is charging on their recruiting goals from 2020 levels in the middle of a pandemic which is amazing. Our NROTC unit is also back in school, albeit it virtually at the University of Minnesota and are working the challenges of on-campus and virtual learning. NOSC is fully supporting the mission of the Navy with full time and reserve personnel each day. Our shipmates in the Coast Guard in Duluth have had a busy year doing the work to help prepare our Great Lakes and Rivers to open and function this Spring for transportation and recreation while maintaining high safety standards. And our sailors from the USS Minnesota SSN783 recently returned from a long deployment as part of their ops tempo.

The Navy League has also been supporting local community and outreach efforts. Remaining connected to the community is one of our core tenants and one we strive to work at constantly.

Finally, our members and membership drive everything here at the Navy League. We now have over 180 members in the Minnesota Council. Through our membership team we have been conducting outreach to our current members who have lapsed to bring them back on as crew members. We recently sent out to our members an update card to your home mailbox. I know in these times of electronic everything, US Postal mail seems like an ancient tool to use. If you have not done so already, please provide an update back to us on the response card provided. We need your current address, email address and telephone number. We promise we will receive them, update our records, and reconnect with everyone.

Thank you for being an advocate for the Navy League and our Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Mariner teams. They greatly appreciate the support and helping hand you lend to them as do we.

Sincerely,
Bill James
President, Minnesota Council



USS Minneapolis - Saint Paul News

An Interview with the Commanding Officer of USS Minneapolis Saint Paul (LCS 21) - Commander Alfonza White



What are your thoughts on being the commanding officer of a ship named for the Twin Cities?

Cmdr. White: “Honestly, I feel incredibly fortunate and blessed. It’s an honor to serve as the commanding officer of any US Navy warship, but I couldn’t ask for a finer ship than the future USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul. Much like the Twin cities, LCS ships are manned by two crews. We’ve made it our mantra that both crews will train together, grow together and support each other in every regard to ensure we ultimately achieve operational success. Twin Cities, twin crews.”

What is your background?

Cmdr. White: “I was born and spent most of my youth in Milwaukee, Wis., before moving to a small-town east of Jackson called Morton, Miss. I enlisted in the Navy in 1995 out of Mississippi and entered the nuclear field program. I was submariner for approximately 7 and a half years until I was commissioned as an officer in 2004. I have mostly deployed to the Western Pacific, and this is my first East Coast tour.”

What is the significance behind the ship’s motto, “aut viam inveniam aut faciam?”

Cmdr. White: “Our motto translates to ‘I will either find a way or make one.’ I didn’t have a hand in selecting the motto, but I thought it was a perfect representation of how we’re looking to solve any challenges we may encounter.”

How are you and the crew preparing for the eventual commissioning of the ship? What sort of training does an LCS crew do when not aboard the ship? When will the crew join the ship?

Cmdr. White: We frequently utilize the Littoral Combat Ship Training Facility, an invaluable tool used to train crewmembers on how the ship handles and maneuvers. Crewmembers also train and are certified in certain warfare areas such as firefighting, damage control, and operating the ship’s weapons. The crew has to be proficient in all these things before taking the ship.

Can you educate a person with no Navy background on what kind of capability this ship will provide the Navy? Why is this important in today’s environment?

Cmdr. White: The Freedom-variant LCS provides fast, agile, and lethal capabilities in the near-shore environment and ships like Minneapolis-Saint Paul enable the Navy to meet the threats and challenges of an increasingly complex security environment. The modular LCS design allows the ships to carry different mission packages to win against coastal threats such as mines and small craft when and where they are needed.”

Any closing words for the people of Minnesota?

Cmdr. White: We are inspired by the years and years of greatness for which the Twin Cities are renowned, and the Sailors aboard Minneapolis-Saint Paul are preparing for whatever will be asked of them. I’m very fortunate to be the CO of these many strong men and women who have dedicated themselves to a greater cause. As I said before, ‘we will either find a way or make one.’ We will overcome any challenges that may come our way, and in doing so, hope to make our namesake proud of us.”



USS Minneapolis - Saint Paul News

PCU Minneapolis-Saint Paul Sailors Begin Receiving COVID-19 Vaccinations

By Lt. Anthony Junco, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron 2

NAVAL STATION MAYPORT (March, 12 2021) – Sailors assigned to the Freedom-variant littoral combat ship pre-commissioning unit Minneapolis-Saint Paul (LCS 21) have begun to receiving the Pfizer coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine.



Cmdr. Alfonza White, commanding officer of the Freedom-variant littoral combat ship pre-commissioning unit Minneapolis-Saint Paul (LCS 21) receives his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Cmdr. Alfonza White, commanding officer of Minneapolis-Saint Paul, received his first dose of the vaccine earlier this month and is optimistic that it offers our Navy and communities a path back to normalcy.

“I did my research, and when I considered what it would take to get back to the new normal, I quickly came to believe that getting vaccinated is the first, necessary step,” said White. “Additionally, I felt that if I could take one preventative action to avoid spreading COVID to someone, I realized that getting vaccinated would be the most important thing I could contribute.”

Cmdr. White joins the dozens of Minneapolis-Saint Paul Sailors who have already received the vaccine. Navy personnel are highly encouraged to get the vaccine to protect the health and safety of their families and communities in order to lower the public health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The vaccine is voluntary while under Federal Drug Administration Emergency Use Authorization approval.

“I want my Sailors to know that that I’m not going to ask them to do anything that they may feel strongly against,” said White. “By receiving my vaccine, I hope to demonstrate that I would never ask of them anything that I myself would be unwilling to do. I’m very fortunate to be the CO of such strong men and women who have dedicated themselves to a greater cause.”

As members of the crew receive the vaccine, masks and physical distancing will still be necessary until the vaccine is proven to provide long-term protection.

Minneapolis Saint Paul celebrates Women's History Month



The crew of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul joins the country in celebrating Women's History Month! The women of MSP walk in the footsteps of women in service past and present who paved the way for them and serve as the example for future leaders to follow.

Command Updates



NOSC Minneapolis

NOSC Minneapolis is continuing to host a combination of virtual and in-person Drill Weekends. As restrictions lessen and infection rates remain low, in-person Drill Weekends will become more predominant for our drilling reservists. Mobilizations continue to be our top priority, as we fight against COVID-19 to provide combatant commanders world-wide the most operationally ready Sailors.



Congratulations to NC1 Matthew Hufford who was awarded the 2020 Minnesota American Legion Enlisted Service Member of the Year.

Naval Talent Acquisition Group Northern Plains Update

I hope your holidays were great and that your winter is running along smoothly. Here at NTAG, we had a big push to finish December strong and achieve our recruiting mission goal. 2021 is proving a bit more challenging, but we are working diligently on finding new and creative ways to reach our target market as we continue to man the fleet of tomorrow.

In addition to focusing on the fleet of tomorrow, we have cranked up our focus on maintaining the health of our current fleet and have established relationships with the local military bases (Fort Snelling, here and Offutt Air Force Base outside of Omaha), to deliver voluntary COVID-19 vaccines to our recruiting force and support staff.

Although the vaccine is not yet mandated by the DOD, our goal is to provide opportunities for those sailors interested in receiving it due to the nature of our mission and the amount of interaction and exposure they encounter on a daily basis. The rollout will initially be slow and steady, but it's a hopeful sign of change towards the added protection of our Sailors and the public that they proudly serve.

Speaking of the general public, the current status of this summer's air shows is still unknown, however the Blue Angels are still tentatively set to attend three shows in our area. In addition to that, we are scheduled to have two local Navy Weeks this year, one just before the Fargo air show, from July 19-25, and one the last week of September in conjunction with the Renaissance Festival.

Here are the big events right now that we have on our summer schedule:

June:

- 12 · 13 | La Crosse, WI | Deke Slayton Airfest
- 26 · 27 | Duluth, MN | Duluth Air and Aviation Expo

July:

- 02 | TC Metro, MN | Top Gun: Maverick – Possible joint event, COVID dependent
- 19 · 25 | Fargo, ND | Fargo Navy Week and Fargo AirShow

September:

- 27 · 03 OCT | Minneapolis, MN | Minneapolis Navy Week / Renaissance Festival

As always, the participation, size and scope of all events will be COVID-19 dependent, but we are hopeful that modern medicine and responsible behavior will help us reach the end zone with everyone being able to celebrate the win together!

I look forward to working more with the Navy League when that does inevitably happen!

CDR James Duvall
Commanding Officer, NTAG Northern Plains

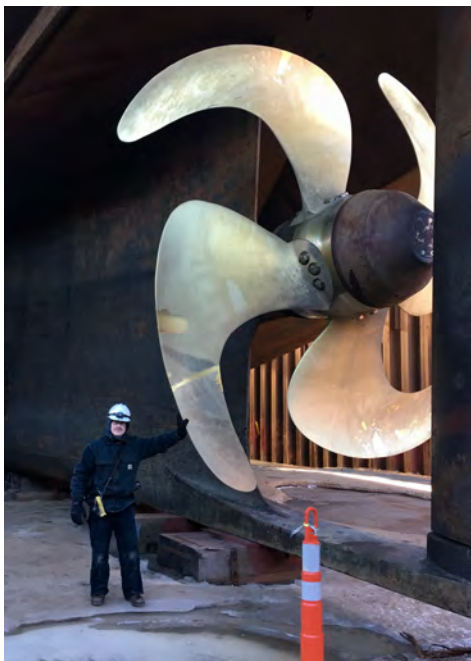
Command Updates



USCG Station Duluth

USCG Station Duluth Marine Safety Unit (MSU) has been busy this quarter! Our inspections division has been going out on the U.S. flagged fleet of ships currently in lay-up and in drydock to oversee repairs and maintenance preparing the fleet ready for spring break out and the 2021 shipping season. The waterways division is preparing for the upcoming marine events planned for this summer, and recently created a safety zone for Red Bull's filming of professional snowmobile racer, Levi LaVallee, performing in Duluth.

Additionally, our incident management division responded to a truck going through the ice on Lake Superior near Bayfield, Wisconsin and is working to prevent any contaminants getting into the water.



Marine inspector surveying a propeller for a Laker in drydock.



USCGC Alder is seen here breaking ice in Duluth and Superior Harbor in preparation for the 2021 shipping season

USCGC Alder

During the first quarter of 2021 USCGC ALDER has been preparing for the 2021 shipping season! While there are currently no ships transiting Lake Superior, that will change soon.

The Welland Canal, which connects Lake Ontario and Lake Erie is scheduled to open March 19th, The Montreal to Lake Ontario Section is scheduled to open March 22nd, and the Soo Locks connecting Lake Superior and Lake Huron open on March 25th.

On March 10th ALDER began breaking ice in Duluth and Superior Harbors to ensure the harbor is open and safe to transit as the start of the 2021 shipping season draws near.



Command Updates



University of Minnesota ROTC

The University of Minnesota ROTC will host the NROTC Eagle and Anchor 5k fundraiser on Sunday May 2, 2021 on the University of Minnesota Campus.

Location: 300 Washington Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Date: Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

Time: Sign in Starts at 8:30 am, Race start 10:00 AM, North side of Coffman memorial union

Price:

22 and Over: \$20.00 Race Fee + \$2.16

Sign-up Fee

22 and under: \$13.00 Race Fee + \$1.75

sign-up fee

Virtual option is available. Registration can be completed on-line at RunSignUp.com through April 26th.

We welcome your participation and look forward to running with you on May 2nd.



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EAGLE AND ANCHOR

Como Park Marine Corps JROTC

The Como Park Marine Corps JROTC Junior Leader Academic Bowl team (Alex Le-10, Sophia Moore-10, Jesiah Mason-10 and Nayblut Kusuh-11) have successfully past round one against more than 250 other Marine Corps JROTC's across the USA. They are now ranked in the top 10 percent for round two and a chance at the Junior Leadership Academic Bowl Championship in Washington D.C. this summer. The team captain is Cadet Lance Corporal Alexander Le (10).

The Como Park Marine Corps JROTC PT team continues to train. During the recent frigid weather, -10F, they did a snowshoe trek across school grounds. Up and down the snowy hills and ending it all with the courageous snowshoe jump into powder. It was a real hoot and truly indicative of Semper Paratus.



The Como Park Marine Corps JROTC Junior Leader Academic Bowl team (Alex Le-10, Sophia Moore-10, Jesiah Mason-10 and Nayblut Kusuh-11)



Como Park Marine Corps JROTC PT team did a snowshoe trek across school grounds during the February cold snap.

Command Updates



Sea Cadets Update

Twin Ports Resumes In-Person drills.

The first two months 2021 were a welcome relief for Twin Ports Division as these were the first regular in-person drill weekends since the beginning of winter.



Instructor Paul Bastianelli has taken over as the Executive Officer for Twin Ports Division. He has served nine years, including time enlisted before becoming an officer. Aside from his duties as XO, he also is the Navigation Department Head. He also attending school to become a pharmacist. He will be transferring to active duty as a Naval pharmacist in 2024, at the rank of Lieutenant (O-3).



Our Boatswain's Mates in deck department have been busy putting the command's new Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) into service. The vessel was acquired by USS Shackle Holdings, LLC. The 12.5 feet RHIB can hold six personnel and has the capacity of up to 1,400 pounds for people and equipment. The heavy duty durable RHIB is equipped with a 15-horsepower engine. We have started small boat training for the entire command and the practical on-water training will begin in the spring when the ice is gone. The RHIB will be used for search and rescue, sonar survey work, utility work, security/anti-terrorism force protection and as a water taxi for our sailor during marine operations. It will be a welcome addition to our arsenal. On March 8th, RHIB 5769, now affectionately known as "Roughrider," put to the water for the first time on Lake Superior. This first time in the water, also its first patrol, was a search & detect sonar operation for scientific survey work. Shakedown to test the boat, equipment and boat crew were mixed in throughout the patrol. Time underway was 4 hours with 15 miles covered in 1-4-foot seas. We could have operated 1-2 hours longer but had to return to port early due to time constraints. With our findings, Roughrider has proven to be a very capable and reliable operating platform with an insane endurance attributed by low fuel consumption. Consecutive patrols and boat crew training of additional boat crews will commence again in the near future.



Boatswain's Mates in deck department put the command's new Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) into service.



Roughrider was put to the water for the first time on Lake Superior on March 8th.

QMSA Solomon Martin received a Commendation Ribbon for his medical response with the American Red Cross for his work during local blood drives from March-August 2020. He registered and screened blood donors, sanitized all areas that had patient contact and ensured supplies were readily available. QMSA Martin also received this award for his cyber work to keep Twin Ports Divisions information secure online, along with running and hosting the zoom meetings.

Twin Ports Division continued medical work ups in preparation for mobilization. This time, patient assessments, med/term and oxygen therapy took the spotlight.

Command Updates



Sea Cadets Update

Twin Posts Resumes In-Person drills (continued)

Personnel conducted practical skill assessments and patient application of our oxygen delivery systems. Oxygen therapy will conclude next month after test outs and final inspections before we move into our next modules.

Finally, we got four new plate carrier vests. The older vests were falling apart. The new plate carrier vests are durable and are worn by the command tactical medical response team and used by all personnel during command gun qualification range days. We will get many years of use from these new vests.



New plate carrier vests.

Polaris Battalion Update

Polaris Battalion cadets continue to be busy, despite the pandemic. Polaris Battalion was able to purchase a welder and safety equipment with donations received from various donors. Cadets finished assembling the and welding the welding table and a welding cart.



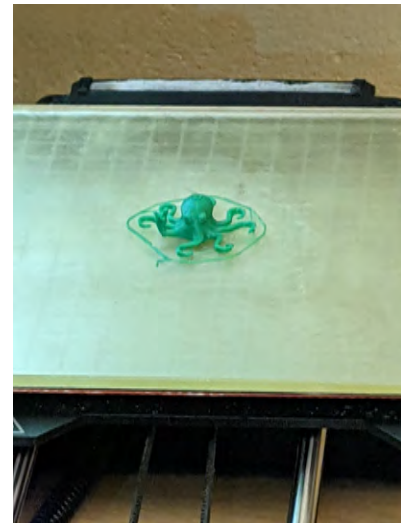
Cadet finishing welding table and welding cart

League cadets received instruction on rocketry from HN Layne van Hees, who is a space, rocketry enthusiast and active-duty Navy. Cadets built and successfully launched more than 12 rockets with more than 30 launches. The cadets prepared the launch platforms for the weather conditions (one launch was in light snow, another launch was on a warm and windy day).



Launching rockets during snowy conditions

Additionally, cadets were instructed on how to use a 3D printer along with developing and setting up the art for a printed project.



Other News

The African American Submarine Experience.

The Navy Submarine environment is physically, mentally, and emotionally challenging. No matter your role, it is a 24-7 immersive job. There are few that walk away from that experience that haven't had their mindsets permanently altered or don't reflect on it on a frequent basis.

President Harry S. Truman signed executive order 9981, desegregating the military on July 26, 1948. Since that time, the military has worked to be more racially inclusive, but the effects have not been as quick or effective as it should have been. Dealing with the challenges of racial inequality as part of the submarine experience makes the African American Submarine experience especially personal and especially profound.

This fall, the Minnesota Council, United States Navy League will be presenting a week-long series of speaking events featuring a number of accomplished male and female, officer and enlisted African American Submariners from 1948 to the present, to discuss their African American Submarine experience and what we can learn from it.



Bill Peterson, Rear Adm. Cecil Haney, and Rear Adm. Bruce Grooms. The Centennial Seven were the only African Americans to command a submarine during the 20th century.

The event is still in the planning phase, but at the present time we are planning at least two public events, along with a number of private events with local commands and veteran's groups. This is tentatively scheduled for the last week in September.

Stay tuned to the web site for updates.

Other News

Minnesota Council Membership Update

By: Bob Dolan, VP Membership



When I took over membership for the Council, I set two objectives.

- (1) Update our current membership list to ensure we had the latest contact information
- (2) reach out to our lapsed members to see if we can get them back again as members.

Prior to the Christmas holidays I sent out letters to our active membership requesting feedback on their current contact information. From that mailing campaign I received 30 responses with changes and 14 letters that were undeliverable. The members letters that were undeliverable were sent to National to see if they had any better mailing addresses.

I also sent 185 letters to lapsed members to see if they could be persuaded to rejoin the Navy League.

As of the today we are at 182 members, with 4 new members and 1 that transferred with another Council. Membership is the life blood of any non-profit organization and it is everyone's job to recruit members. If you know of a Navy veteran in your area let them know what we are doing to keep the Navy spirit alive in Minnesota. If you get someone interested in becoming a member have them go online to Navy League National website to sign up: [Become a Member - Navy League of the United States](#).

Outreach North



Ryan Rudisill, Operations Administrator for the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans and Joyce Lacey, Minnesota council VP Outreach North

Outreach North has been very busy with delivering groceries, meals, household items and pillows to veterans. The pillows were donated by My Pillow and the groceries, meals and household items were donated by the June Lynne Lacey foundation.

Outreach North has also done drive by birthday salutes in Alexandria, Detroit Lakes, Bemidji, Fargo and Moorhead and recently participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day parades in St. Paul and Minneapolis!



Other News

Naval Academy Information Program (NAIP)

The United States Naval Academy (USNA) Class of 2025 is currently being formed. Student applications closed on February 28, 2021. All Congressional nominations have been reported to USNA. Blue and Gold Officer interviews have been completed. The USNA Admissions Board is now meeting to review candidate records and make offers of appointment to highly qualified candidates. Those accepting the offers of appointment will report to USNA in early summer to commence 4 years of academic, physical and professional training. Successful completion of the curriculum will allow commissioning as either an Ensign in the U.S. Navy or a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, followed by a career path in any of the warfare communities available in the Navy or Marine Corps. Most candidates should be notified of the Admissions Board actions in their case by April 15, 2021. Candidates must accept or decline an offer of appointment by May 1, 2021.

USNA has announced that the annual Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) for rising seniors and the STEM camps for rising freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be virtual for 2021. A recent spike in positive COVID cases at USNA and the subsequent restricted on base movement at the Academy prompted this decision. Those selected to attend NASS or STEM camp participants will receive apparel and promotional items specific to each program. In addition, STEM camp participants will receive STEM kits to support student engagement during academic modules. Up-to-date information on USNA summer programs is available at www.usna.edu.

The Naval Academy Information Program (NAIP) is seeking Blue and Gold Officers (BGOs) in Northern, Western and Southern Minnesota. BGOs do not have to be USNA graduates, but have an unbiased desire to interview and evaluate candidates for the United States Naval Academy. Persons interested in becoming a BGO are invited to contact Minnesota's NAIP Area Coordinator, Captain Mark Salmen, USN (Ret.) at mark.salmen@1973.usna.com.

From the USNA Alumni Association Upper Midwest Chapter, the Donald W. McCarthy Heartland Leadership Forum will take place on May 5, 2021. This year's forum will be virtual and will feature Admiral Michelle Howard, USN (Ret.) who will be speaking on diversity and inclusion in leadership. Admiral Howard is the first woman to achieve the Navy's 4-star rank of Admiral. She is best known for her 2009 actions as a Rear Admiral when she led the counter-piracy task force that rescued Captain Richard Phillips from Somali pirates. Alumni Association chapter updates may be found on the chapter website at www.usnauppermidwest.org.

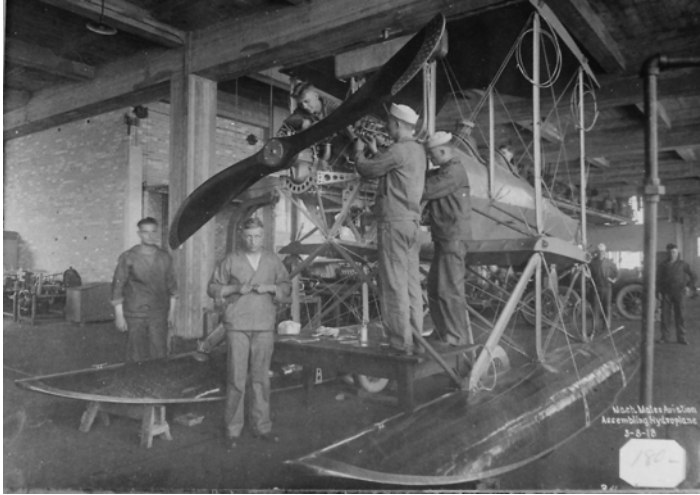


Other News

DID YOU KNOW...

By Brandon Montanye

Dunwoody College of Technology, located in Minneapolis, was founded in 1914 after William Hood Dunwoody left three and a half million dollars in his will to establish a technical school. Today that school is still educating people on the latest technology and is a well-known institution in Minnesota and throughout the World.



Machines Mates Aviation assembling a Hydroplane

But, did you know that the Dunwoody Institute, as it was called then, was the first civilian school in the U.S. to train mechanics, technicians and Aviators for the Navy during World War I? At the initial outbreak of WWI the Institute suggested conducting training, at no cost to the government, for all Navy Enlisted personnel in Minneapolis that were waiting to transition to Active Duty. The Navy initially declined the offer but soon reconsidered and accepted. Dunwoody instructors were then sent to Navy yards to observe the methods of instruction that were being used in order to bring those techniques back to Dunwoody. Within four months of the United States entry into the war (July 1917), the first group of Enlisted Sailors

arrived at the school from Naval Station Great Lakes, IL. The portion of the school that trained Navy personnel was called the Dunwoody Naval Training Schools.

The school also provided motorboats at Lake Bde Maka Ska to train Sailors on how to operate, repair, and overhaul the engines. The boathouse at the lake was named the Dunwoody Naval Club. The Club housed smoking and reading rooms as well as berthing for the students. The Dunwoody Navy Band played concerts at the Club during lunch and some evenings for the local population.

Dunwoody was also home to Anna O. Stanley, one of the first female Chief Petty Officers in the Navy and the first female Chief Commissary Steward in Navy history. She also holds the title of the first female to be recruited by the Navy in Minnesota. She was in charge of the Mess, which entailed preparing meals for 600 to 800 sailors three times a day on top of her instructional duties.

During Dunwoody Institute's operation as a training facility for the Navy, a total of 4,271 Navy personnel were trained for over fourteen different mechanical and technical jobs. The training given at Dunwoody Institute included Aviation Mechanics, Baking, Blacksmithing, Carpenters and Shipwrights, Carpenter's Mates- Aviation, Cooking, Coppersmithing, Electricians-General-Electricians-Radio,



Machinist's Mates-General, Machinist's Mates-Aviation, Machinist's Mates-Sub-Chaser, Pilots-Aviation, Groundwork, and Quartermasters-Aviation. The Navy ceased training operations at Dunwoody on March 1st, 1919 after the end of WWI. Even though the Dunwoody Institute's role in the training of Navy personnel was short lived, it left an impact on the state of Minnesota. Many of the attendees came back to the state after the War, started businesses, and cultivated a fledgling aviation industry. And now you know.



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April

Month of the Military Child	Entire Month
Military Saves Month	Entire Month
Easter	April 4
Gold Star Spouses Day	April 5
National Former POW Recognition Day	April 9
Air Force Reserve Birthday	April 14
Earth Day	April 22
Army Reserve Birthday	April 23



May

Asian Pacific Heritage Month	Entire Month
Public Service Recognition Week	First full week of May
Silver Star Service Banner Day	May 1
Loyalty Day	May 1
2021 Donald W. McCarthy Heartland Leadership Forum	May 5
National Nurses Week	May 6-12
VE Day	May 8
Military Spouse Appreciation Day	May 7
Mother's Day	May 9
Armed Forces Week	May 8-16
Peace Officers Memorial Day	May 15
Armed Forces Day	May 15
Maritime Day	May 22
Memorial Day	May 31



June

PTSD Awareness Month	Entire Month
D Day	June 6
Women's Veterans Day	June 12
Army Birthday	June 14
Flag Day	June 14
National Flag Week	June 13- 19
Father's Day	June 20
Duluth Air Show	June 26-27

