

PRESS RELEASE

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Country Star Chuck Wicks Becomes Goodwill Ambassador for the Navy League

Performer will appear at May 7 Maritime Gala Event to Support Organization's Mission

ARLINGTON, Va. — Today, the Navy League of the United States — a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea services: the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine — announced that it has signed country star Chuck Wicks as its goodwill ambassador, a role where Wicks will help promote the Navy League's mission.

Wicks will make his debut appearance on behalf of the Navy League at the 2nd annual Maritime Gala, being held May 7 at the Gaylord National Harbor in Maryland. The event will feature songs from Wicks, appearances from top sea service leaders and a silent auction. Proceeds from the night will support the Navy League's mission to enhance the morale of sea services personnel and their families, provide a powerful voice for the sea services on Capitol Hill, and support youth programs like the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. This year's gala will focus on supporting our nation's sea services spouses.

"Chuck is a dynamic, talented musician who uses his platform for good to promote the many causes he believes in," said Alan Kaplan, national president of the Navy League. "He will provide a powerful voice to help highlight the needs of our sea service members and their families as the Navy League's first-ever goodwill ambassador."

"I'm excited to stand with the Navy League and support the men and women who serve our country, along with their spouses and families," said Wicks. "More importantly, I'm anxious to spread the message of the Navy League to help grow the support system that our men and women of our sea services so desperately deserve."

Wicks first burst onto the country music scene in 2007, when his debut single "Stealing Cinderella" earned him the highest debut for a new country artist that year. Since then, he's found success down various paths. Wicks is a co-host of Academy of Country Music Awards' two-time nominated and nationally syndicated radio show "Ty, Kelly and Chuck," heard in over 50 cities across the United States. Also seen on television, he is one of 11 athletes chosen from around the world to be featured on season two of NBC Sports' "IRONMAN: Quest For Kona" TV show. An avid outdoorsman, he has been featured on Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's "RMEF Team Elk" series on the Outdoor Channel. Additionally, Wicks is an alumnus of ABC's "Dancing With The Stars."

For more information on the Maritime Gala, visit <http://www.seaairspace.org/navy-league-maritime-gala>.

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About the Navy League of the United States

The Navy League of the United States, founded in 1902 with the support of President Theodore Roosevelt, is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea services: the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. Through national and local programs, the Navy League of the United States provides a powerful voice to educate the public and Congress on the importance of our sea services to our nation's defense, well-being and economic prosperity. The Navy League provides support to our sea services personnel and their families and youth programs, such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines, that expose young people to the values of our sea services. For more information, go to www.navyleague.org.