

Media Advisory

Navy League's Maritime Gala Coming Up May 7 in National Harbor

Event will feature country music stars; high-level speakers; and will honor spouses of the U.S. Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and U.S.-Flag Merchant Marine

When: May 7, 6:45 p.m.-9:45 p.m.

Where: Gaylord International Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland

To register: [The Sea-Air-Space registration form](#)

The Navy League of the United States is hosting its second annual [Maritime Gala](#), held May 7 and co-located with its Sea-Air-Space 2019 exposition. This year's star-studded event is being held to raise awareness for the Navy League's important mission of supporting sea service members and their families.

This year's gala features a sea service spouse theme, highlighting the often unsung work of the spouses of members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. The event will also feature a silent auction, where individuals can bid on various items to support the Navy League's cause.

The night will feature headline entertainment by renowned country music artists Mark Wills, Lonestar's Richie McDonald and Chuck Wicks — who is a Navy League goodwill ambassador. During the gala, the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon will also perform a series of precision drill movements with their hand-polished, 10.5-pound M1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets.

Navy League will present prestigious awards to recognize the phenomenal work of Chief of Naval Operations John M. Richardson, Cushman & Wakefield Inc.'s chairman of global brokerage Bruce Mosler and Naval Services FamilyLine — a sea service spouse organization. The event will feature a keynote speech by former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert.

For more information on the event or to register as media, visit www.seaairspace.org. Note that media may attend the Maritime Gala for free, but attendance does not include a seat at a dining table or meals.

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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.