The GOLDEN ISLES WATCH

Supporting, Educating, and Advocating for America's Sea Services.

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WELCOME TO OUR UPDATE!

The Golden Isles Watch is the official newsletter of the Golden Isles Council of the Navy League of the United States. Our mission is to support the men and women of the sea services—Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines—through education, advocacy, and community engagement.

Together, we make a difference.

CONGRESSMAN CARTER VISITS

On Tuesday, October 27th, U.S. Rep. Buddy Carter (GA-1) was our keynote speaker at American Legion Post 166. He caught us up on military activity in the area and reminded us how much of the nation's defense runs through coastal Georgia. Glynn Academy's national champion Raider team leaders spoke, and we honored our Cadet of the Month. A great night.





Left, from left: Stephanie Treece, Cadet Capt. Gabriel Luna, Rep. Buddy Carter, Cadet 1st Lt. Levi Van't Land and Glenn Cook. Right: Cadet Annakate Durant receives Cadet of the Month.

★ MEETINGS ★

The Golden Isles Council of the Navy League normally meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1800 (6:00 p.m.) at:

American Legion Post 166
1013 Arthur J. Moore Drive
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

OUR NEXT GATHERING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Join us at **6 p.m.** at **American Legion Post 166** for our **Inaugural Joint Navy & Marine Corps Birthday Celebration**, with keynote speaker Vice Adm. Al Konetzni, USN (Ret.).

The public is invited. Guests are welcome.

★ GET INVOLVED ★

Membership is open to all who support our sea services. **Join us in making a lasting impact!**

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★ SEA SERVICES NEWS ★

Navy turns 251, Marines next

The Navy marked its 251st birthday on October 13. The Marine Corps turns 251 on November 10, and Veterans Day follows right behind it on the 11th.

The Coast Guard is growing

5,445 recruits in 2026, the most since 1987. Congress has authorized 50,000 active-duty members this year and 55,000 in fiscal 2027.

New landing ships ordered

Philly Shipyard won a $269 million contract for a Medium Landing Ship for the Navy and Marines, part of a planned 35-ship fleet. First delivery is expected in 2030.

★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

NOV 10

Inaugural Joint Navy & Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, November 10 at 1800
American Legion Post 166
Keynote: VADM Al Konetzni, USN (Ret.)

DEC 12

Christmas for Seafarers

Saturday, December 12, 1100–1300
International Seafarers Center
307 Newcastle St., Brunswick

★ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ★

October was a big month for us. Congressman Carter spent an evening with the council, and Glynn Academy's Raiders came home from Fort Knox as national champions. Now it's birthday season. The Navy turned 251 on October 13 and the Marines hit 251 on the 10th, so come celebrate with us, and bring someone who's never been. Welcome aboard, Edward Jones and Jered.

— Glenn Cook
President, Golden Isles Council
Navy League of the United States

★ ISSUES FOR ADVOCACY ★

As part of our commitment to advocacy, the council monitors critical sea service and readiness issues:

1. **The Townsend Bombing Range**
   There is a pressing need for an honest and open discussion from all parties. Military operations and Marine Corps capabilities have advanced significantly since the range was first designed.
2. **Regional Infrastructure & Support**
   Ensuring robust logistical and community-level backing for our coastal installations.
3. **Force Readiness & Personnel**
   Emphasizing health, welfare, and training resources required for active-duty service members and their families.

★ COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS ★

EDUCATION
Congratulations to Glynn Academy's Raiders: national champions at Fort Knox, then runners-up at the All-Service Nationals in Molena. And to Cadet Annakate Durant, our October Cadet of the Month.

ADVOCACY
Rep. Buddy Carter keynoted our October meeting. President Glenn Cook spoke on the Navy and the Navy League at Community Church, St. Simons, on Nov. 3.

SUPPORT
Standing by Coast Guard Station Brunswick and the USS West Virginia. Brunswick High NJROTC is joining our Cadet of the Month program.

COMMUNITY
Welcome to our new Community Affiliate, Edward Jones, and to sponsor Jered. Our October meeting made The Islander.

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