

**Navy League of the United States  
Great Lakes Region  
April 17-18, 2015**

The following is a draft agenda for the Navy League Great Lakes Region meeting at Navy Training Center Great Lakes. A couple of focus for the meeting; Recruit graduation, ship commissions, Officer training, Navy and Sea Cadet awards, Navy League awards, networking, social media, and fun. The intent is to create an event that you will not want to miss. We also need to ensure Council Reports are completed and Officers are nominated.

**Date: Friday, April 16-197 (travel Thursday and Sunday)  
Great Lakes Region Officers Breakfast, Sun, Apr 19**

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**Location: NTC Great Lakes, IL**

**Lodging: Navy Lodge or Navy Gateway Inn**

**(Rooms have been reserved. Reference Navy League when making reservations)**

**FRIDAY: April 17**

0730	Seats, NTC Graduation <a href="#">(Michael French must have a list of names of people that plan to attend)</a>	Parade Field
0900 – 1000	Recruit Graduation ceremony	Parade Field
1130 – 1230	Lunch and Speaker <a href="#">Recruit graduation speaker and honor graduates are guest for lunch</a>	Port O Call
1300 – 1345	Navy Presentations  Public Affairs <a href="#">Topic: Navy Public Affairs organization and local support</a>	
1345 – 1430	Navy Presentations – Navy Great Lakes and the Midwest <a href="#">Invitations will be sent to local and State public officials, including State Legislators.</a>  Commanding Officer, Naval Training Center <a href="#">(Tentative)</a> Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Command <a href="#">(Tentative)</a>	
1430 – 1500	Break	
1500 – 1600	Navy Presentations – Navy Great Lakes and the Midwest <a href="#">Navy presentations are intended to share status and issues with current affairs facing the US Navy with the Navy League and Public Officials. Invitations will be sent to local and State public officials, including State Legislators.</a>  Commanding Officer, Naval Training Center <a href="#">(Tentative)</a> Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Command <a href="#">(Tentative)</a> Commanding Officer, Navy Region – Mid Atlantic <a href="#">(Tentative)</a>	
1600 – 1630	Navy League President Jim Offutt <a href="#">(Confirmed)</a>	

- 1630 – 1800 No Host Social Port O Call Lounge  
Navy League sponsored event for active and reserve military.
- 1800 – 1900 VIP Reception  
Reception in private room for senior leaders of Navy, Navy League and Public Officials
- 1800 – 2100 Reception, Dinner and Navy Reserve Centennial  
Keynote Speaker , Dirk Debbink, VADM, USN (Ret)  
Former Chief of the Navy Reserve and Chairman, USS Milwaukee LCS 5 commission Committee  
Navy and Navy Reserve Awards  
Navy League Awards

**SATURDAY: April 18**

- 0730 – 0830 Breakfast Roundtable Port O Call
- 0830 – 0915 Navy League Region  
Present NEW information important to Navy League Officers and Guests.  
  
Jim Semerad, Great Lakes Region President (Confirmed)  
  
Gwen Larsen, Midwest Region President (Confirmed)
- 0915 – 1000 Navy League President Elect  
Skip Witunski (Confirmed)  
Skip will present items important to him as the incoming President. He will also present what to expect at the Navy League meeting in Tampa in June 2015.
- 1000 – 1030 Break
- 1030 – 1100 Ship Commissions  
Paul Stanton, Capt, USN (Ret) (Confirmed)  
Capt Stanton coordinates all ship commissions for the US Navy. He would like to address all ship commission committee members.
- 1100 – 1130 Sea Cadet Presentation – NSCC Midwest Region  
William Radomski, Capt, USN (Ret) (Confirmed)  
Capt Radomski leads all of the Sea Cadet units for the Region and would like to meet Council Presidents and Sea Cadet Commanding Officers. He will provide an overview of the Midwest Sea Cadet program, accomplishments, and vision. Area Sea Cadet leaders are invited for a NSCC leadership forum.
- 1130 – 1230 Luncheon and Speaker Port O Call  
TBD
- 1230 – 1300 Officer Training – Deck Plate Officers  
William Waylett, NLUS Staff  
Virtual “Skype” presentation on Navy League Council administration
- 1230 – 1315 Webinar – Social Media  
Session on various social media tools and demonstration on how to use them.

- 1315 – 1400 Marketing and Fund Raising – Raising the Big Bucks  
[Session on successful approaches to fund raising.](#)
- 1400 – 1430 Break
- 1430 – 1500 Legislative Affairs  
Bob Wilson and Don Giles  
[Legislative Affairs is one of the important missions of the Navy League. Bob Wilson will detail what and how we need to be actively engaged in the Legislative process. Don Giles is the Chairman of the NLUS Legislative Affairs Committee and we will Skype him in.](#)
- 1500 – 1600 Ship Commission Break-out  
Capt Paul Stanton, USN (Ret)  
[Commission committee members will meet with Capt Stanton.](#)
- 1500 – 1615 Region Nominations and Elections Break-out  
[Region Officers will break-out to complete Region nominations](#)
- 1600 – 1630 Region Round-up  
Jim Semerad and Gwen Larsen will provide a recap of what happened and
- 1630 – 1700 Elections  
[Region Officer Elections will be performed.](#)
- 1800 – 2100 Chicago Style Evening, Speaker, Awards Chicago  
[Several people will be staying overnight. The evening event will be a low key event for those that will be staying overnight.](#)

**SUNDAY: April 19**

- 0800 – 0900 Devine Services
- 0900 – 1100 Region Staff Breakfast  
[The Region staff will meet to plan for the next year.](#)