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Hello Fellow Members:

### President's Message

I wish to thank all of you who were at our April social and a special thanks to Kevin Button and his family for hosting the April social.

None of the socials and this publication can be done without the volunteerism of our members. To that end we need your help to host upcoming socials as of this writing we need hosts for July and August. Need information

regarding what that entails? Contact me, Therese or Monica. Their contact information and mine can be found on page one of this Porthole.

Also, Pat Stanley, has resigned from our Governing Board due to health issues. We all wish her the best as a valued member and person. With that said, there is a vacancy on our board. For those that wish to contribute a little more to this organization, let me know. We will bring this up at our June social.

Finally, there have been requests to publish a summary of our financials on this Porthole. Next month and going forward that will be done.

Respectfully,

Ev

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

May 2014

Lieutenant Commander Hollie Brown  
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps

Our Annual Inspection reports are in. Paul Revere Division scored 3.803 and Training Ship Independence scored 3.698 out of 4.0 overall. Great job cadets!

We have a very busy month. On May 9-11 Paul Revere will be competing in the Annual Flagship Competition at Camp Pendleton. There are 10 events and the teams have been working many hours to perfect their routines and the skills required for individual events. I'll let you know how they do next month.

The following week our Sea Perch Underwater Robotic teams head to Southern Mississippi University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi for the National Competition. The trip is being funded by National Headquarters. They are:  
Team 1 – PO1 Joshua Churchill, PO1 Benjamin Alexander, PO3 Jessica De Briel  
Team 2 – E3 Jessica Nagel, E2 Christian Groff, E2 Decklan Eaden

That same weekend we will also be helping serve dinner as well as help with clean-up at the Corona Rotary Lobsterfest which is held at the Fender Museum in Corona. We then hope to have a color guard and help with serving at the Navy League social scheduled to be held at the Corona Elks on Friday, 23 MAY, if a sponsor is found. Our final event in MAY will be representing the Navy with a color guard at Green Hills Memorial Park in Ranch Palos Verdes on Memorial Day.

We had 3 new cadets join, 2 Leaguers and 1 Sea Cadet, with 3 more potential Sea Cadets coming for an INDOC to learn more about the program. Headquarters has reinstated the program to earn a free training certificate if you bring 3 new cadets to the program. Several of our cadets are actively working on earning a certificate. There are no restrictions on what training it is used for, so they are hoping to go to one of the more expensive trainings, like Scuba or any of the Special Forces ones. It's a win-win situation all around.

### **Promotions for MAY:**

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class (PO1) (from NHQ) – Benjamin Alexander  
Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (PO2) – Daniel Lozano  
Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class (LC4) – Nicholas Hurtado (Leaguer cadet)

Again, thank you all for giving your time behind the scenes and at the socials to help support these great cadets!

Have fair skies and smooth sailing,

Respectfully,  
Hollie Brown, LCDR, NSCC

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### **E-mail edition of the Porthole now Available!**

If you would like to receive your Porthole via e-mail, please send your request along with your name to Monica Hunter at [hunter@ymcacornor.org](mailto:hunter@ymcacornor.org). Hard copy newsletters will still be mailed to all others. When e-mailing your request, please put "Porthole" in the subject line. Thank you for making our Navy League prosper.



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

June 2014

Lieutenant Commander Hollie Brown  
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps

Our **Annual Inspection results** landed **Paul Revere Division** as **#10 in the nation** out of 386 units! This is the result of cadets and staff doing coursework, trainings, promoting, as well as doing community service hours and color guards. **This honor also recognizes the Corona/Riverside Navy League for being our sponsor. Thank you all again for supporting us**

**Flagship Competition results** – **3<sup>rd</sup> place overall** out of 19 units.

3 <sup>rd</sup> place in Color Guard	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Line Heaving Team	4 <sup>th</sup> place Unarmed Drill Team
4 <sup>th</sup> place Semaphore Team	5 <sup>th</sup> place Knot-Tying Team	5 <sup>th</sup> place First Aid Stretcher Team
5 <sup>th</sup> place Fire Fighting Team	5 <sup>th</sup> place Regulation Drill	6 <sup>th</sup> place Armed Drill Team

Individual awards – **Line Heaving** – **1<sup>st</sup> place Recruit Michael Santoscoy – 94' 7"** (a new Flagship Record)  
(Out of 61 cadets)                      **5<sup>th</sup> place Recruit Vinnie Santoscoy – 81' 6"**

**Top Lead Petty Officer of Flagship** was awarded to our unit LPO - **PO1 Joshua Churchill**.

All 19 LPO's were observed throughout the weekend on how well they handled their units. Saturday evening they had oral boards run by the Chief Petty Officers where they were quizzed on Navy knowledge and leadership. Way to go Petty Officer Churchill!

Our **Sea Perch Underwater Robotic teams** went to Southern Mississippi University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi for the National Competition. They had equipment challenges in the pool events, but the oral presentations went very well. It was a great learning experience and they hope to do even better next year. Our region is guaranteed 4 team spots next year, so the competition will be expanded to include Oregon and Washington. **Our team members were:**

**PO1 Joshua Churchill, PO1 Benjamin Alexander, PO3 Jessica De Briel, E3 Jessica Nagel, E2 Christian Groff, and E2 Decklan Eaden**

That same weekend cadets also served dinner as well as helped with clean-up at the **Corona Rotary Lobsterfest** which was held at the Fender Museum in Corona. The 23<sup>rd</sup> we performed a color guard for the **Corona Chamber** at their quarterly luncheon honoring the military, a very moving ceremony recognizing all branches. Cadets then represented the Navy with a color guard at **Green Hills Memorial Park in Ranch Palos Verdes on Memorial Day**. This was another moving ceremony honoring all veterans, many who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

I have been busy interviewing potential new cadets, with many hoping to be able to go to boot camp in JULY at Camp Pendleton. They have to pass a Physical Readiness Test (PRT) as well as complete the Navy Basic Military Requirements Course (BMR). Then they have to get their Sea bags together, so JUN will be a very busy month as well.

### **Promotions for JUNE:**

Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class (PO3) – David Lozano

Again, thank you all for giving your time behind the scenes and at the socials to help support these great cadets!

Respectfully,  
Hollie Brown, LCDR, NSCC

## JUNE SOCIAL

Friday: June 27, 2014  
Location: **Corona Elks Lodge**  
912 E. Sixth Street  
Corona, CA  
Social: 6:00pm  
Dinner: 7:00pm  
Menu: Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Vegetable  
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Price: \$17 per person

## Social Calendar

**May 30, 2014**

Cancelled

**June 27, 2014**

Host: The Board  
At Corona Elks Lodge

*The 2014 Social Calendar will  
be announced soon.*

RSVP to Ev Mata

Call or Text: (951) 733-8444

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### **\*\*DOOR PRIZES\*\***

We are asking for members that participate in the monthly socials to bring a door prize. We are breaking down the membership list alphabetically into last names and for each month listed if your last name falls into that alphabet category we would like you to bring a door prize for that month social. Thank you for your participation in our efforts to make our socials a fun memorable event. **For example: Monica Hunter would bring a door prize to the February Social.** The list is as follows:

**January, May, September Social: Members A-C**

**February, June, October Social: Members D-H**

**March, July Social: Members I-R**

**April, August Social: Members S-Z**

# April Social at the Elks Lodge



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## **CLASSIFIED**

As of April, 2014, the dates of the Port Visit and Ship Names are still “Classified”. We are suggesting to the Navy that mid week, 2<sup>nd</sup> week, in August 2014, perhaps a Wednesday and/or Thursday would be a great time for the Kids in Uniform ship tour and STEM Expo to occur. This will be a great experience for your PAL Group members.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** You as the leader must call Navy Days – LA and get them your email address listed so that when the Navy does **de-classified** this event, you can **RSVP ASAP** because there is **limited tour space** and you will want your group of Kids to get this FREE (except for parking) Experience in their life.

**PLEASE CALL: (310) 392-1275** to be put on the ND-LA Email distribution “Invite” list. Check us out: <http://navydaysla.org/>

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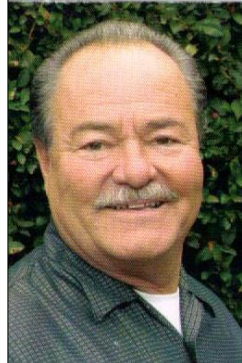
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