

A motion is presented by National Director Ronald P. Testa to adopt the song, “**The Navy League**”, as an official song of the Navy League of the United States. (Attachments 1 and 2 refer.)

Background. “The Navy League” song is a two verse ballad. The words and music are registered with the United States Copyright Office. The song is owned by its composers, LCDR **Ron Testa**, USN, Retired and LCDR **Dave Shafer**, USN, Retired. Both are members of the Navy League of the United States, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council and have extensive histories of volunteer leadership at the Council, Area, Region and National level. They collaborated on the words and music, having a strong desire to capture the spirit of the Navy League in the melody. The song is a celebration of the dedicated volunteers who unselfishly give of their time, money and talents carrying out the Navy League mission. The initial inspiration to write this song came to National Director Ron Testa at a Public Relations workshop, facilitated by long time Navy League mentor, **Bill Waylett**, Senior Director of Regional Activities and Training, on May 24th, 2008 in Washington DC. During a masterfully conducted brainstorming session, an idea was posed to create a song for the Navy League. Ron will be forever grateful to Bill Waylett for his superb ability to bring out the best in Navy Leaguers.

Upon acceptance of this motion, in accordance with their bylaws, by the Board of Directors of the Navy League of the United States, Ronald P. Testa and David D. Shafer convey exclusive rights to the Navy League of the United States to perform this song for any Navy League sanctioned event or purpose free of charge. The only requirement is that the authors be given reasonably appropriate recognition whenever the song is printed, performed or otherwise conveyed to the public.

Discussion.

Whereas the Navy League of the United States does not have an official song;
The song, “The Navy League”,

- Presents the mission of the Navy League in an upbeat, enjoyable, musical form;
- May be sung in either a one verse, or in the full two verse format;
- Repeatedly conveys an inviting offer to join the Navy League;
- Can build camaraderie among Navy League membership through the shared experience of singing together about our beloved organization and supported Sea Services;
- Adds to the stature of the Navy League as an organizational entity – i.e., Navy League would join the exclusive fraternity of organizations that have a song;
- Navy League would now have an official song, just like every one of the supported Sea Services - each have an official song;
- Uses key phrases from official songs and mottos of each of the supported Sea Services, in a complementary manner to the Navy League;
- Repetitively echoes each of the Sea Services supported by Navy League in the lyrics;
- Contains an easy to remember and sing-able chorus suitable for audience participation;
- Pays tribute to Navy League benefactor President Theodore Roosevelt;
- References a famous and often cited speech by President Theodore Roosevelt regarding the importance of Seapower and the role of the Navy League.

The Navy League

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(4/4 Bouncy March Style)

Citizen support of the Navy;
Unwavering behind the Marines;
Coast Guard vital to protection;
Never forget the Merchant Marine.

Come join the song...;

Anchors Aweigh! The Navy League!
Semper Fidelis! The Navy League!
Semper Paratus! The Navy League!
Heave Ho! The Navy League!
 Seapower that's the Navy League;
 Come stand along with the Navy League;
 Come stand with the Navy League.

Teddy said to all American Patriots;
Believe in the freedom of the seas;
Forever mind the condition;
Of the services that keep them free.

Come join the song...;

Anchors Aweigh! The Navy League!
Semper Fidelis! The Navy League!
Semper Paratus! The Navy League!
Heave Ho! The Navy League!
 Seapower, that's the Navy League;
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