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## **The Navy League holds 107<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas Oct. 27-Nov.1**

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The [Navy League of the United States](#) will hold its 107<sup>th</sup> annual [National Convention](#) in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotels Corpus Christi Bayfront. Navy League South Texas Area President Suzy Williams chairs the five-day event that is hosted by the local Navy League Corpus Christi Council and other South Texas Area Councils in Ingleside Area and Kingsville. The gathering is bringing approximately 300 members and guests from around the world.

Kicking off the convention is a Welcome Aboard reception on Wednesday evening where Mayor Joe Adame and other local dignitaries are expected to attend. State Representative Todd Hunter will address the conventioners at the opening ceremony on Thursday.

One of the highlights of the convention will be the Sea Services Awards Luncheon on Friday where 21 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine military and civilian personnel will receive highly coveted awards for outstanding service, particularly while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in support of the war on terrorism. The guest speaker for the awards luncheon will be the Commandant of the Coast Guard [Adm. Thad Allen](#). ([Click here](#) for list of award recipients or visit <http://www.navyleagueconvention.org/Sea-Services-awards09.html>)

Navy League members will also have an opportunity to learn about some of the current priorities and challenges of the sea services from a panel of senior service and civilian members representing the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and Maritime Administration.

Closing out the convention will be the Navy's assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs [Juan M. Garcia](#), the Dinner guest speaker at the finale engagement on Saturday evening.

Local sponsors and supporters for the convention include Rolls Royce, Boeing, Corpus Christi Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Navy League National Director Emeritus Tom Wimberly, the Dennis Lee Foundation, Electrical Distributors of Texas, Geico, L-3 Vertex and Security Service Federal Credit Union, USS Lexington Museum, Texas State Aquarium and Omni Hotels Corpus Christi Bayfront.

The Navy League is a non-profit civilian organization founded in 1902 dedicated to educating the American public about the importance of the nation's sea services - the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S-flag Merchant Marines, and supporting the men and women of the sea services and their families. The Navy League has approximately 55,000 members in more than 250 councils around the world.

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**Editor's Note:** Media interested in covering the convention should contact Janet Mescus, Navy League Senior Director of Communications at [jmescus@navyleague.org](mailto:jmescus@navyleague.org) or (703) 312-1557. After Oct. 27, please call 202-739-1346.