



Barcelona, Spain Council

Navy League of the United States

"Citizens in Support of the Sea Services"

Our **BARCELONA COUNCIL** of the **NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S.** was chartered in 1970. It is a non-profit and non-political association of civilians, recognized as such by the Spanish government, legally entered in the Register of Associations in Barcelona under Number 20171, Fiscal Identification (NIF) G-61357414. Our mandate is educational and motivational in support of the Sea Services and maritime affairs.

The Council's civilian membership¹, is dedicated to providing information related to the Sea Services, of both the United States and the Allied Forces, with a view *"to educate and inform the general public, and in so doing promote and generate enhanced mutual interest, greater understanding, optimum co-operation and networking interchanges between the Spanish, Catalan, and American Communities."* Ever aware of the strong European American alliances, and by virtue of our charter, the **Barcelona Council** is committed to supporting the goals of the Navy League of the United States, which are mainly:

1. Educate the national leaders and the public
2. Support the men and women of the sea services
3. Provide assistance to sea service families
4. Support youth programs

Everyone has a part to play in the **NLBCN**, as together we persevere to gain support from all sectors of society by educating public opinion, and bringing to the attention of community and political leaders the vital importance of maritime affairs and the tasks of our Sea Services. While Navy Leaguers can enjoy a range of membership benefits and camaraderie, surely the most important benefit is the *personal satisfaction* of knowing that as a member of the Navy League you will be helping our men and women in uniform and their families, and the quest for a more free and peaceful world for all.

Your voice your talents, your experience and ideas, your donations or sponsorship can make the difference. Join the **NLBCN** NOW.

¹ *Membership is open to all civilians both American and Non American citizens, except people in active duty service.*

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About the Navy League of the United States:

The objectives of the Navy League of the United States are educational and motivational. Today, our **Mission** translates into two main initiatives.

First, the Navy League's public education efforts are designed to inform citizens and political leaders, of the vital importance of maintaining a comprehensive and fully prepared Sea Services – U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S. Flag-Merchant Marine.

Secondly, the Navy League, primarily through our Councils, provides support for the active duty Sea Service personnel and their families. In line with its educational objective the Navy League also supports successful youth programs funded through the NLUS Foundation Scholarship Programs.

Back in 1902, the Nobel Peace Prize recipient Theodore Roosevelt fully understood that "*superior sea power sustains peace and is a deterrent to war.*" He enthusiastically supported the founding of the Navy League, donating part of the Peace Prize award to fund it. Today, over 100 years later, the Navy League is not only highly respected by political and industry leaders, but indeed, is widely recognised as being the **Preferred Resource** for both the education of the United States Congress and of the American Public about our Sea Services. It is a **unique** citizens organization, and the **foremost** nonprofit organization to serve, support and stand with all the U.S. Sea Services – The Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine. The Navy League family currently has a membership of over 63,000 citizens in 278 councils throughout the world network who are dedicated to supporting the men and women in uniform, in a structured and orderly fashion.

NLUS in Barcelona, Spain – Background and Mission

International support for the Sea Services is enhanced through overseas councils like ours. In the **Barcelona Council**, we strive constantly to encourage initiatives and interchanges aimed to educate local citizens, public opinion, government and community leaders, here in Spain and in Europe. In this way, we gain their support for the multiple tasks undertaken by our Sea Services, within the broad spectrum of global maritime activity.

To achieve this purpose, the Barcelona Council sponsors regular meetings of its members; we offer "Port Call Hospitality" to visitors and personalized tours of visiting vessels; we encourage social/cultural contacts with other civilian institutions, local maritime and business communities, the Spanish Armada, education centres and other nonprofits. We send out regular ENews Alerts and Quarterly Newsletters, and provide permanent information and relevant links of interest via our website at www.nlbcn.org

We see our council activity and role here in Spain "*as another avenue in maintaining that vital bridge of support with our Allies*", a **bridge** that also serves to bring closer to the American public a more informed insight of the supportive roles played by our Allies in global maritime affairs.

Since its charter in 1970, our **Barcelona Council** has been witness to an important truth -- that the friendship between the people of the United States and Spain is based on shared values with a desire for a better world for our children, and that the ties between our two countries remain strong and lasting. During the last over fifty years, governments in both countries have come and gone, but the fact remains that relations between the U.S. Navy and the Spanish Navy are excellent and have been on going since 1953. Both naval forces continue to participate in bilateral defence programs and exercises together, and our council is honored to provide "Port Call hospitality and support" to visiting vessels. For example, in 2004, we catered to 16 ships from the U.S. and Allied Forces (NATO) calling to our ports of Barcelona, Tarragona, and Cartagena, including: the USS JFK, USS Enterprise, USS O'Bannon, USS Spruance, USS Le Salle, USS Monterrey, USS Taylor, and others.

Our endeavor is to stimulate more interest in naval history and marine affairs, and a sharper awareness among our fellow-citizens of the world: That the defense of our way of life, of our democratic values, of our freedom and economic well-being, are dependant on superior comprehensive Sea Power Services.

Membership Application - YES Please enroll me as a Navy Leaguer today!

Complete this form and return to:

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Barcelona Council
P.O. Box 5049,
08007 Barcelona Spain

Email: navyleaguebarcelona@yahoo.es

Check Membership Type box

- Regular One year
- Regular Two year
- Regular Three year
- Husband/Wife One year
- Associate Member
- Active Duty Military Spouse
- Life Member
- Husband/Wife Life Members

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FULL NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

Mailing Address: _____

C.P.: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Email: _____

Please enroll the person(s) listed below on this application form as regular or associate members of the Navy League of the U.S.. Each member will receive the full benefits of membership, including the monthly *Sea Power* magazine and the annual *Almanac of Sea Power*, along with the quarterly newsletter of the NLUS, Barcelona Council and monthly E-News Alerts.

Payment (please check appropriate box) via:

Check Bank Order/Domiciliación

Signature: _____

Members I am I am not a U.S. Citizen

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Name (Mr., Mrs., Dr., etc) _____

Address: _____

C.P. _____ City _____

Date of Birth _____

Phone: _____ Móvil _____

Email: _____

Sponsor Name : _____

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Name (Mr., Mrs., Dr., etc) _____

Address: _____

C.P. _____ City _____

Date of Birth _____

Phone: _____ Móvil _____

Email: _____

Sponsor Name : _____

If you would like to add additional members, please contact us.

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COMMUNITY AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

As an expression of our community involvement and in support of the Navy League of the United States, we hereby apply for Community Affiliate Membership in the Navy League. We enclose the sum of 400€ for our first year's membership, which is renewable each year on the anniversary date.

We understand that we may designate up to four (4) members of our company as regular members. We pledge to support our local Navy League Barcelona Council in its efforts to educate our citizens to support our Sea Services.

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COMPANY: _____
Representative: _____
Mailing Address: _____
C.P.: _____ **City:** _____
Phone: _____ **FAX:** _____
Email: _____

Please enroll the person(s) listed below (maximum 4) on this application form as regular members of the Navy League of the U.S. through this Community Affiliate Membership Program. Each member will receive the full benefits of membership, including the monthly *Sea Power* magazine and the annual *Almanac of Sea Power*, along with the quarterly newsletter of the NLUS, Barcelona Council and monthly E-News Alerts.

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Signature: _____

Designated Regular Members (must be employees, officers, or directors of the company)

1	2	3	4
Name _____	Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
C.P. _____ City _____	C.P. _____ City _____	C.P. _____ City _____	C.P. _____ City _____
Phone: _____ Móvil _____	Phone: _____ Móvil _____	Phone: _____ Móvil _____	Phone: _____ Móvil _____
Email: _____	Email: _____	Email: _____	Email: _____
Position in Company _____ _____	Position in Company _____ _____	Position in Company _____ _____	Position in Company _____ _____

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An invitation to reflect and contribute

Freedom of the seas to live, work, and play –

The seas are fountains of inspiration for great creators and development; they are the source of life to our planet. The seas are bridges that connect our continents, our countries, and our cultures. They unite our free communities in enriching interchange through leisure travel, ocean cruises, sun or diving holidays, as well as sports and sailing events. The resources of the seas and open ocean trade lanes are vital to both our national and global economies.

Today, the seas are under threat -- in one way or another -- jeopardizing their ability to enrich our lives. More than ever, our free world faces the terrible attacks of global terrorism, acts of piracy at sea, illegal trafficking of drugs, arms or people, immigration, pollution and the destruction of marine environments, etc., -- all things harmful to our lives and planet. It is vital that we protect the freedom of the seas by supporting stronger Sea Services.

The continuous vigilance and protection provided by the men and women serving in the Sea Services – the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine -- together with Allied Forces around the globe, are our best guarantee to safeguard peace and freedom in our lives. They deserve our individual and collective support.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone supporting our endeavors. members, sponsors, affiliates, and the community. And a special thanks to the men and women in the Sea Services for their dedication and commitment to our shared goals.