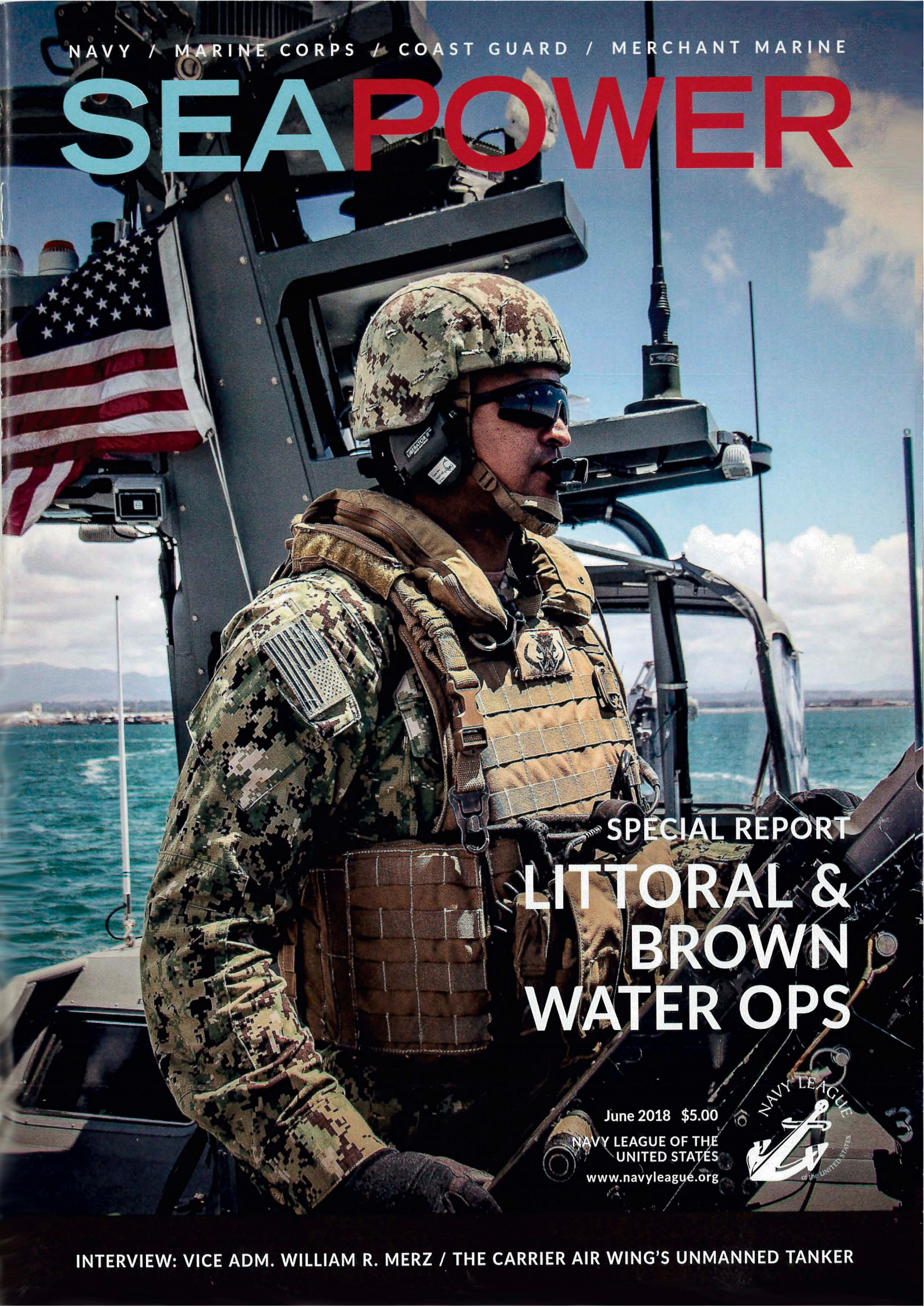


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husband Richard Scheuing assisted in founding Fleet Week New York, were the honorary chairs of the dinner.

Area officers, senior enlisted personnel and one cadet from each of the council's adopted sea service units were selected to attend without charge thanks to contributions from event sponsors. The cadets also welcomed guests and escorted them throughout the clubhouse.

In his keynote remarks, Neller offered an update on where Marine and Navy forces are deployed across the globe, as well as some comforting words on the quality of the force.

"They are operating on land, on sea, under the sea and in the air. I think we are in a good place," he said. "They are well trained and well led. We know what we have to do.

"I don't worry about the mission getting done. Because if you knew what I know ... how many [Marines and Sailors] are out there right now in the dark of the night taking care of those who would like to come here and do us harm ... just sleep well. We got it."

National President's Representative Meets With King of Spain

Navy League National President's Representative Eva García, a member of the Madrid Council, received a military audience with the king of Spain, Felipe VI, in the Royal Palace in Madrid on March 20. She was accompanied by representatives of the nonprofit organization The Legacy Association, in which she serves as president.

The audience was there to present the book "Farragut and Menorca, The Spanish Legacy in the U.S. Navy," The Legacy Association's most recent project. García

and the other members of the organization also made a presentation to King Felipe on the mission and objectives they have set up in their bylaws. They also did a review of the projects ahead planned for the year.

The Legacy Association seeks to honor the historical and cultural contributions of Spain in the United States and to promote ties between both countries. Because the group focuses on military history, several Spanish and American military leaders have participated, including Adm. James Foggo, commander, Allied Joint Force Command Naples/commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa; Spanish Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Manuel Garat Carame; and the Vice of Staff of the Spanish Army Lt. Gen. Miguel Martin Bernardi.

"Farragut and Menorca, The Spanish Legacy in the U.S. Navy" tells the story of Jordi Farragut, a Spaniard who traveled to the United States in 1776 to support the American War of Independence and whose son, David, later became the U.S. Navy's first admiral.

Honolulu Council Marks Busy Month of Support

The Honolulu Council marked a busy spring, hosting and taking part in a series of events, encompassing the full spectrum of the sea services and helping honor a local wounded warrior and the Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year. Council Executive Director Jane Ferreira provided the following recap.

On March 6, the Honolulu Council supported the USS Tucson Family Day to share in the excitement for the return of the submarine on March 7. The Navy League also supported Single Sailor bags, supplying gummy bears, granola bars, saimin noodle soup and laundry pods to get the Sailors through the first 24 hours after a long deployment.

The council also supported the USS Mississippi Family Day on March 29 with ice cream and pizza. Families traveled to Pearl Harbor from across the country to celebrate the homecoming of the submarine on March 30. On the same day, USS John Paul Jones held its Family Spring Fling at the Ford Island Recreation Center, where the Navy League provided hot dogs, snacks, water and ice cream for the more than 200 families who were able to make the event.

On March 14, Lt. Gen. David H. Berger, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) briefed members. MARFORPAC is the largest field command in the U.S. Marine Corps, conducting operational missions and delivering capabilities in support of U.S. Marine Corps forces. This was an insightful briefing and update on the Marine presence in the Pacific, and other critical factors facing us in the Pacific area of responsibility, Ferreira said.



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Navy League National President's Representative Eva García stands with Spain's King Felipe VI, front row center, members of The Legacy Association, Spanish military officials and Adm. James Foggo, commander, Allied Joint Force Command Naples/commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa at the Royal Palace in Madrid March 20.