Assault Craft Unit ONE (ACU-1) is a Pacific Ocean Maritime Prepositioning Force in the United States Navy operated under Naval Beach Group ONE out of Naval Amphibious Base Coronado with a Forward Detachment in Sasebo, Japan.\[1\] ACU-1’s force consists of Landing Craft Utility boats (LCU), Landing Craft Mechanized, Mark 8 boats (LCM), and Maritime Prepositioning Force Utility Boats (MPFUB).\[2\] The sister unit of ACU-1 is Assault Craft Unit 2 in Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Virginia.\[1\]

Assault Craft Unit 1 traces its roots to World War II as hundreds of LCUs were decommissioned, leaving 30 LCUs in the command of "Centralized Flotilla Command" in NAB Coronado known as LCU Squadron ONE. In July, 1947, a neighboring command, Boat Unit ONE, was created to command LCM-3s and LCVPs. In 1950, the two commands participated in the Battle of Inchon and in every amphibious operation of the Korean War afterward.\[3\]

**USCGC SEA OTTER ADOPTION JANUARY 29**

The 87’ Coastal Patrol Boat has several enhancements over the WPB-82s that they replaced, including improved mission sea keeping abilities (up to sea state 5), significantly upgraded habitability, and compliance with all current and projected environmental protection laws. These cutters employ an innovative stern launch and recovery system using an aluminum hulled inboard diesel powered waterjet boat. The vastly larger pilot house is equipped with an integrated bridge system including an electronic chart display system (ECDIS) which interfaces with the CG’s new surface search radar. SWIII computers along with a fiber optic network were installed, allowing the crew to access the vessel’s CD-ROM tech pubs and drawings. A total of 73 cutters are in this class. Our council has 10 reserved spaces. Sign up soon with registration instructions on page 3.
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Council President’s Message

Welcome back from the holidays! We have an exciting year in front of us and I look forward to your participation. We are making arrangements for the adoption of a new ship - USCGC Sea Otter WPB 87362, plus Change of Command. These ceremony’s will be held at the Naval Base on Point Loma this month with more details to follow. Space will be limited so make your reservations early. We are also awaiting the timing for the decommissioning ceremony of the USCGC Boutwell. This should be quite the event. Our speaker this month will be Senior Chief Petty Officer, Justin Aliotta, from Assault Craft One, Coronado. I know you’ll enjoy his comments about ACU One’s mission and accomplishments. Thanks to our Scholarship Committee, the groundwork is in place at all of our participating schools. The Committee needs your tax deductible donations. You will find mailing information on page 4 of this Masthead edition. I want to thank each of you for your continued support of the Navy League. We are looking forward to seeing everyone January 11th at the Chaparral Country Club at 11:30 AM.

Pictured are guests from USS MOBILE BAY, Petty Officer’s Than Huynh, John Newman, John Easton and Chelsea Stone.
United States Coast Guard Command and Crew of the
USCGC Petrel WPB87350
and
USCGC Sea Otter WPB87362

along with the

Navy League of the United States

Imperial Valley Council and Palm Springs Council

requests the pleasure of your company at the

Adoption and Change of Command Ceremony at which

Imperial Valley Council will adopt USCGC Petrel
and
Palm Springs Council will adopt USCGC Sea Otter

on Friday, January 29, 2016

at 10 o'clock

Naval Sub Base Point Loma
San Diego, California

Please arrive in order to be seated no later 9:45 a.m.

Lunch and Tours following ceremony

Please R.S.V.P. by 15 January 2016
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Support Council Scholarship Fund

Our council has awarded over 25 scholarships the past six years to Valley High School students. Council members are reminded to support the Scholarship fund. We are a 501(3)(C) organization. Be part of the Scholarships awarded in June. Forward your check to Chris Bower 78955 Dulce Del Mar, La Quinta, CA 92253