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## Sea Scouts: Better Prepared!

### 34th Annual Northeast Region BSA Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball

By Deidre Buchner, RBOH Committee Chair

On April 2, 2016, the Holiday Inn Select in Swedesboro, NJ, saw a sold-out crowd of 253 Sea Scouts from 33 Ships, out of 10 States, as far away as Indiana, 4 Ships attending for the first time. The annual event kicked off with the "standing room only" afternoon Skippers Information Meeting facilitated by Regional Commodore Noel Guzman and the NER Sea Scout Executive Committee, and a separate Quarterdeck Meeting with the Regional Boatswain Sam Goodman and Regional Boatswain's Mate Mercedes Matlock, where the youth discussed key topics of concern among the region and obtained feedback on how to improve communication among the groups.



Sea Scouts assemble for the RBOH Banquet

This year, the Boatswains again organized a Scavenger Hunt to encourage attending Sea Scouts to network by finding fellow scouts (youth and adult) that meet certain categories on a "bingo card" (like: completed SEAL, have sibling, own a dog/cat, can tie a bowline) and the prize for completing the card "first" was to go out first to the buffet and "second" goes out first for dessert. The enthusiasm of the youth to complete their cards as quickly as possible was contagious among the participants!

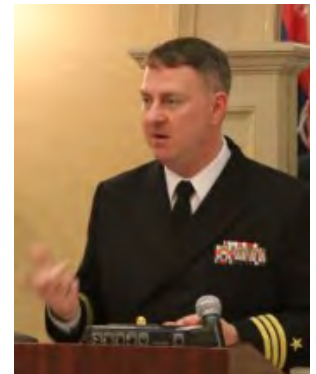
Interested Sea Scouts also participated in an impromptu Sextant Class, outside in the hotel parking lot, led by Mate Rags Buchner, Ship 228 NJ.

During the evening's Bridge of Honor ceremonies, the crew from Ship 100 VA "SSS Dominion" performed the Land Ship Ceremony, and they did a really great job for their second year. Onboard we had Skipper Todd Skiles, OOD Jonathan McDonald, Boatswain Michael Kennedy, and Boatswain's Mate Zachary Skiles. And did you notice the jack flag hanging from the bowsprit? Bravo Zulu!



Presenting Regional Commodore Noel Guzman, Regional Boatswain Mercedes Matlock, Regional Boatswain's Mate David Tarantino, Outgoing Regional Boatswain Sam Goodman, Keynote Speaker Commander Corey Barker USN.

Our **Keynote Speaker Commander Corey Barker, United States Navy**, Director - U.S. Navy Office of Information East, Midtown East - New York City, immediately engaged the youth present by challenging them to all take out their smart phones, take a photo and send to [#selfiewithaseascout](#) for posting on the USN special social media Facebook page. He also shared some quotes by Theodore Roosevelt and why you should take charge and dare to do mighty things! And encouraged us to keep the momentum going. He also reminded us that this is an election year and it is important to be a good citizen and take control of our government and its leadership.

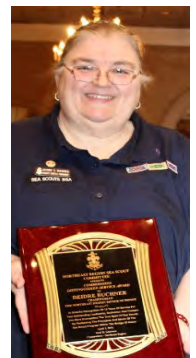


At the Bridge of Honor we recognize our Sea Scouts, adult and youth alike. Here is a listing of those honors:

The Longstreth-Carey Sea Scout Leadership Service Award was given to **Regional Vice Commodore, Social Media and Technology Connor Rieve, Ship 110 CT**, in recognition of the outstanding website and promotion of social media in the region putting our region at the forefront of the Sea Scouting program. ((Due to the impending delivery of his first child, the award was presented at his home later in the month by the Regional Commodore.))

The Regional Commodore Distinguished Service Award was also presented to Committee Chair **Deidre Buchner, Ship 228 NJ**, in recognition of the past 15 years' co-ordination of the annual super-activity known as the Regional Bridge of Honor (RBOH).

We also provide several annual recognitions that are nominated by the attending Sea Scout Ships, including



### Regional Commodore Ships Award of Excellence (10):

SSS Spear - Ship 25, Ithaca, NY  
 SSS Nobska – Ship 40, East Falmouth, MA  
 SSS The Sea Dogs – Ship 59, Frederick, MD  
 SSS Eagle - Ship 198, Lewes, DE  
 SSS Slayer - Ship 201, Jenkintown, PA

SSS The Runners – Ship 212, Stafford, VA  
 SSS Columbia Ranger – Ship 361, Marriottsville, MD  
 SSS Vigilant - Ship 441, Queens, NY  
 SSS Sea Eagle - Ship 548, Avenue, MD  
 SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942, Arlington, VA



## Sea Scout of the Year (23):

Andrew Thompson - SSS Spear - Ship 25 NY  
Robert Allan Coppersmith Jr. - SSS Yorkshire - Ship 25 PA  
Walter Hotzberg - SSS Integrity – Ship 30 NY  
Cameron Horne – SSS The Dreadnoughts – Ship 37 MD  
Steven Schuffenhauer – SSS Ranger – Ship 39 NJ  
Tyler Lomasney - SSS Nobska - Ship 40 MA  
Rachel Angell - SSS The Sea Dogs - Ship 59 MD  
Jeff Mercer – SSS Monomoy – Ship 76 MA  
Zach Skiles – SSS Dominion – Ship 100 VA  
Samuel L. Parsons - SSS Eagle - Ship 198 DE  
Dylan DeMarco - SSS Slayer - Ship 201 PA  
Reuben Levin – SSS The Runners – Ship 212 VA

Alex Lynch – SSS Sea Dart II – Ship 228 NJ  
Joseph Gorringer – SSS Sea Horse – Ship 243 NJ  
Sam Goodman - SSS Vigilant - Ship 441 NY  
Gabriele Backus - SSS Sea Eagle - Ship 548 MD  
Emily Nelson - SSS Resolute - Ship 747 VA  
Amanda Montz – SSS Longrider – Ship 759 MD  
Clare Collins – SSS Cricket – Ship 876 NY  
David N. Tarantino – SSS Remembrance – Ship 911 NJ  
Nicholas E. Bucklin – Ship 1909 RI  
Molly Sternberg - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Josephine Brizzolara - Ship 2037 NY



New Sea Scouts of the Year

We also recognized Sea Scouts who had achieved an advance rank in the program over the past year, as shared by their Ships. We acknowledged:

### 5 new **Quartermasters**,

Myles Gallagher - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Sam Goodman - SSS Vigilant - Ship 441 NY  
Reuben Levin – SSS The Runners – Ship 212 VA

Molly Sternberg - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
David Tarantino - SSS Ranger - Ship 39 NJ

## 16 new **Eagles**,

Jesse Craig - SSS Spear - Ship 25 Ithaca, NY  
Joseph DeMarco - SSS Slayer – Ship 201 PA  
Zachary Forest – SSS Navesink – Ship 5 NJ  
Robert Gustke - SSS Cricket – Ship 876 NY  
Weiwei Hu - SSS Slayer – Ship 201 PA  
Aaron Lewis - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Nathaniel Lilly - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Ben Mart - Ship 2037 NY

Douglas McIntyre – SSS Sea Dart II – Ship 228 NJ  
Jordan Miller - SSS Spear - Ship 25 Ithaca, NY  
Ethan Phillips - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Alex Plesnar - SSS Spear - Ship 25 Ithaca, NY  
Stephen Ray - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Conor Russo - Ship 2037 NY  
Joseph Sandler - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Patrick Wright – SSS The Runners – Ship 212 VA

and 11 **SEALS** who attended the course in 2015 from the Northeast Region.

Sean Allen - SSS Slayer – Ship 201 PA  
Molly Bishop – SSS Skeleton Crew – Ship 1 CT  
Kaitlyn Dow – SSS Dragon – Ship 584 CT  
Jarrod Hale – SSS Not By Bread Alone – Ship 110 CT  
Addison Lash – SSS Columbia Ranger – Ship 361 MD  
Rubin Levin - SSS The Runners – Ship 212 VA

Kyle Mountney – SSS Sea Dart II – Ship 228 NJ  
Samuel L. Parsons - SSS Eagle - Ship 198 DE  
Michelle Reilly - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Molly Sternberg - SSS Dragon Lady - Ship 1942 VA  
Conor White – SSS Water Music – Ship 460 NY

**Bravo Zulu** to each and every one of you for the dedication, time and effort required to achieve these ranks and recognitions.

Special thanks to **Mike Thomas**, Ship 178 PA, who set up a green screen studio and provided free photos to the Sea Scouts in their dress uniforms or fancy ball wear. In addition, with the help of Donna Thomas, Ship 178 PA, he posed group photos of full Ship's complement using the stairs in the lobby. He provided photo prints for each scout to take home and each Ship got a CD with all scouts' shots for future use. He promises to return next year!

Another highlight is the semi-formal Sea Scout Ball. Over 100 Sea Scouts joined in the fun on the dance floor, enjoying the non-stop tunes from "Rock Your Body" with DJ Alex Robles. The sound of laughter and stomping feet from the ballroom was a good indication of the fun and playfulness of our youth. And only a resourceful Sea Scout would have come up with the idea of making a limbo line out of neon bracelets! So "how low can you go"??

For this year's Ball, we crowned:

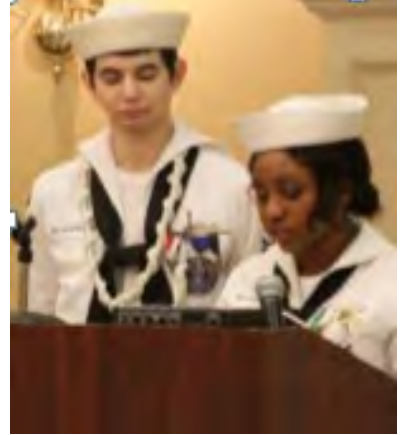
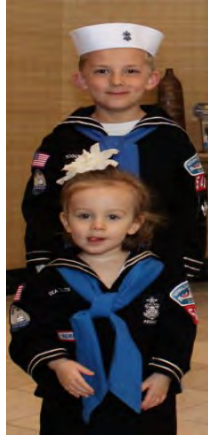
### **2016 Sea Scout Ball's Royal Court:**

King: Brad Keels, Ship 25 PA  
Queen: Sara Ray, Ship 1942 VA  
Prince: Stephen Ray, Ship 1942 VA  
Princess: Evelyn Smith, Ship 1942 VA  
Jester: Taylor Overton, Ship 25 NY

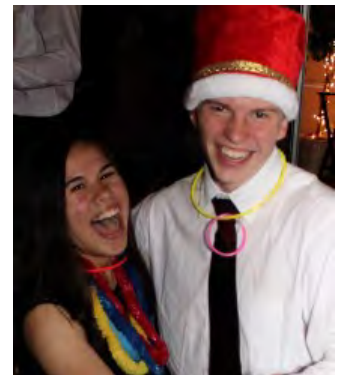


We also had several Sea Scouts turning "Inside Out" watching videos in one breakout room with Max the Service Dog, as well as enjoying some quiet conversation in the lobby seating area. And everyone enjoyed the bagged snack "mid rats" with soda until the leftover crudities arrived and were quickly devoured!





*Roving Sea Scout Photographer's Snapshots from the 2016 RBOH*



*Photos courtesy of Michael Thomas (Ship 178 PA) and Franklin Garcia (Ship 1942 VA).*

On Sunday, we hosted devotions at 0900 hours. The theme was "Respecting the Water" and "Taking Time to Pray" delivered by Beth Parks Ship 228 NJ. At the conclusion, scouts had a chance for casual conversation before heading out for their home ports.

At the conclusion of the Regional Bridge of Honor, all attendees each brought home a ceramic coffee mug sporting a historical logo, stylus pen promoting the NER website, and a clip-on safety light.

### Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars now. The 35th Northeast Region Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2017** at the Holiday Inn Select, Swedesboro, New Jersey. Watch for more details as we plan to celebrate our 105th Anniversary and how we are "Teaching Values through Seamanship since 1912"!

Please be sure to take a moment and complete the feedback survey which was sent to all participating Ships. Your input helps us make next year's RBOH even more fun for everyone.

Lastly, thanks for the photos provided by Michael Thomas - Ship 178 PA, Franklin Garcia - Ship 1942 VA, and Chip Rieve - Ship 110 CT.



## After the Bridge . . .



After presenting the Longstreth-Carey award to Connor Rieve, Regional Commodore Noel Guzman persuaded him to take one additional photo with his wife, Christy, and new son, Joseph Charles, the latest Sea Scout recruit for SSS *Not by Bread Alone* Ship 110 CT. The Northeast Region is proud to recognize Connor's contributions towards ongoing social media management as well as welcoming a future user of the NER Website. Bravo Zulu! And welcome aboard wee Master and Commander Rieve!

On May 5, a farewell reception for US Navy Commander Corey Barker, who was this year's Keynote Speaker at the NER Bridge of Honor, was held at the Union League Club in New York City. It was in preparation for his reassignment to Hawaii at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base as their new Public Affairs Director.

At this event, Regional Boatswain's Mate David Tarantino presented Cmdr. Barker with a uniform shirt for Sea Scouting in recognition for all he has done for the Sea Scouts in many ways, including organizing Sea Scout participation in the Fleet Week and marching in the NYC Veterans Day Parade. Cmdr. Barker has an amazing legacy of supporting the Sea Scouts of the Northeast Region and he hopes to be a resource to those in Hawaii whenever possible.





# THE LEGENDARY SKIPPER RETIRES

## End of a dynasty at the 51st NYGARD REGATTA

By: Como NE Guzman, pictures by R Levin

The Northeast Region, B.S.A., in conjunction with the Friends of Sea Scouts of Maryland, Inc. (which fosters and promotes Sea Scouting), held the Commodore Henry I. Nygard Regatta, an annual event offering a weekend of fun, fellowship, and nautical competition. This year it was held for the first time at the new location: Camp Riverview, Scotland, Maryland.



The legendary Skipper Douglas Yeckley was on hand. He had worked the Nygard for the past 44 years, of which he chaired the regatta for 42 years. Doug retired from the SEAL program as a Course Director two years ago. He is still an active Skipper of Ship 548 in Maryland and Commodore of the Capitol Area Squadron.

When a successor to his Chair of the Nygard was selected, they were vetted by the Region (and I might add hand-picked by Doug), it was then he stated he would step down and allow for the future of the program to continue under new leadership that would allow for the perpetual growth and longevity for the regatta.

On Saturday May 28th at the Nygard Regatta, Doug was called out during dinner and presented with the Northeast Region Commodore's Award of Excellence for his 44 years of service to this program. Very few adults last that long in any venue. Also on hand was Vice Commodore of Administration, Capt. Ben Feril, USN ret., and a member of the USCG Auxiliary (Doug is also a member) who gave him a Certificate of Appreciation for providing classes on boating safety and education. LCDR. Wayne Stacy, USCG ret. (who was not able to be there) presented to Doug, via our Past Regional Boatswain Brenda Renninger, a hand carved paddle, which was embellished with ornamental rope work. At that time, Doug received a 5-minute standing



ovation. Also present for these presentations were Mercedes Matlock, our current Regional Boatswain, Regional Training Chair Joel David, as well as Flotilla Commodores Steve Nichols, from Chesapeake, and George Kain, from the new Keystone Flotilla.

We wish Doug a very well earned retirement, but we know he will still hang around.

# Breaking Advancement news For Sea Scouts!

The National Sea Scout Committee has just released details for the Sea Scout Leadership Award! This award will start in 2017 to recognize the Sea Scouts who have given outstanding service to our program in the 2016 year. There are awards for both youth and adults at Council, Area, Regional and National Levels. These awards are very similar to the Venturing Leadership Awards as the Sea Scout Leadership Award is modeled after the VLA. What will the Sea Scout Leadership Award Recipients Wear? The insignia includes the current Venturing Leadership Award Knot with a Sea Scout Device as well as the same neck ribbons with a Sea Scout Pendant.



As far as other advancement The Sea Scout advancement system stays the same leading up to the Quartermaster Award. The new part is that the eligibility of Sea Scouts to earn Venturing Awards which includes: the Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit Awards, Quest, Trust, and Ranger, and the Venturing Leadership Award. Any Sea Scouts who are working on the Venturing Awards will be grandfathered in to the program to complete the award requirements up until December 31, 2016. However on January 1st 2016 Sea Scouts are no longer to earn Venturing Awards. They are able to dual-register into a Venturing Crew to retain their eligibility for the awards. Likewise you Sea Scout Ship as a unit can dual register as a Venturing Crew so that your Sea Scouts are able to continue working on the Venturing Awards. All Male Sea Scouts will continue to be eligible for the Eagle Scout Rank as a Sea Scout as long as they have earned First Class Rank in a traditional Boy Scout Troop. All Sea Scouts continue to be eligible for general BSA Awards which include: Religious Emblems program, NOVA Awards, BSA Lifeguard and others.

There will be a Unit Leader Award of Merit for Sea Scout Skippers. The current application is being updated to include Sea Scout Skipper. Any Skipper who earns this award will wear the current Unit Leader Award of Merit knot with a Sea Scout device on it. There will also be a new Sea Scout Skipper Award of Merit badge of office! this will be similar to the current badges for Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach and Advisor Award of Merit.

Dave Tarantino/NER BMM

For more info and complete understanding link to:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/05/24/sea-scout-leadership-award-set-sail-2017/>





**ON THE HORIZON:** Watch out for our next issue of the TELEGRAPH as it will be dedicated to reporting on the 2016 KOCH CUP. The Northeast Region Sea Scouts will have 10 teams competing at the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup regatta to be held July 31-August 5, 2016, in Long Beach, California.

The NER participants are comprised of nine teams who placed in the 2015 sail-offs and the returning Kiwi Cup champions from 2014. Check out the names of the crews on the Koch Cup tab on the NER website at <http://nerseascout.org/>

Be sure to cheer them on and check out the race details and photos in our Special Edition this Summer! Thanks.



## Ship 100 “SSS *Viking*” Honored With 2016 National Flagship Award



BoatUS and Sea Scouts, BSA recognize Sea Scout Ship 100 SSS *Viking* of San Francisco Bay Area Council and Golden Gate District (California) as the recipient of the 2016 National Flagship Award. This award is presented in recognition of excellence in program quality, youth achievement, and adult commitment resulting in an exemplary program of seamanship and youth development.

Congratulations go to the crew, especially their 2015 Boatswains, Louise Hendzel and Miranda Huson, their current boatswain, Sofia Mack, and their Skipper, Tamara Sokolov. The many dedicated crew, volunteers, and parents of the SSS *Viking* have all played pivotal roles in achieving their many goals for 2015. Chartered by The San Francisco Sailing Whaleboat Association, Sea Scout Ship 100 currently has an all-female membership of 20 youth and 10 adults. The Ship is home-ported in the beautiful San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, providing a close tie to a National Park whose mission of bringing historic ships to life for current generations aligns closely their own. Their main vessel is an historic wooden whaleboat built by the US Navy in 1938 and the young ladies of *Viking* keep the boat maintained and actively sailed – often winning top honors in annual historic sailboat races.

Join us in congratulating SSS *Viking* Ship 100 CA for this great honor!

The 2016 National Flagship Fleet was selected and wishes to recognize the following Sea Scout Ships for their outstanding programs for this past year:

- *Sea Fox* Ship 9, Alameda Council, Alameda, CA
- *Decisive* Ship 11, Aloha Council, Kauai, HI
- *Columbia Ranger* Ship 361, Baltimore Area Council, Marriottsville, MD
- *Heatwave* Ship 450, Las Vegas Area Council, Lake Havasu City, AZ
- *Cricket* Ship 876, Longhouse Council, Liverpool, NY
- *Response* Ship 911, Capitol Area Council, Austin, TX
- *Dragonlady* Ship 1942, National Capital Area Council, Arlington, VA

# Hello Sailor! Liberty Flotilla Ships visit NYC Fleet Week

By David Tarantino, Regional Boatswain's Mate

Saturday, May 28, 2016, members of Ship 39 NJ, Ship 9-11 NJ, Ship 243 NJ, Ship 441 NY, and the Sea Scout Chanters went into New York City for the 2016 New York City Fleet Week. Meeting at the North Hudson Yacht Club, the group took the Waterways Ferry into Midtown. They started their tours aboard the *USCG Katherine Walker* with Retired US Coast Guard Commander Edward Quinn. The groups went to "42nd Street Pizza" for lunch where they were able to have a great time of scouting fellowship. Then the contingent was able to tour the ships that were sent by Her Majesty's Canadian Navy. They started out with *HCMS Athskaban* Destroyer Class vessel. The tours continued aboard the Kingston Class vessels *HCMS Kingston* and *HCMS Montcom* where the Sea Scouts learned about the different navigation tools available to the Canadian Navy. The Scouts ended the day with a tour of the United States Navy Aircraft Carrier *USS Bataan* where the Sea Scouts were able to learn about the ways that naval aviation and the USN ships themselves work together. They were also able to learn about the hovercraft stowed in the hull of the carrier. The trip was a great event both in adventure and in learning and we encourage all Scouts to make the trip in the future!



Visiting the *HCMS Kingston*



Sea Scouts Visiting the *USS Bataan*



David and Sam Goodman





# SEABADGE (SB-28-CT-2016)



**Dates: November 18<sup>th</sup> , 2016 thru November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Cost: \$175.00 / Participants**

**Course Director: Marshall Parsons, [twinpars@earthlink.net](mailto:twinpars@earthlink.net) C860.938.7681**

**Application and Information: <http://nerseascout.org>**

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- ★ Make new Scouting Friends

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## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

### **MARINE SAFETY ALERT**

#### ***Inspections and Compliance Directorate***

May 19, 2016  
Washington, DC

Safety Alert 04-16

### **Distressed Distress Signal** ***A potentially dangerous issue.***

The Coast Guard has withdrawn the Certificate of Approval (160.037/23/0) for NAMMO LIAB AB Orange Hand Smoke Distress Signal, and the approval status of this certificate is now marked as "Former- Do Not Use." This action was taken because the chemical makeup of the signal was changed in October 2013 without Coast Guard approval and the signal that was manufactured is at risk of spontaneous combustion when dropped.

These smoke signals may be labeled and marketed as "Polar MK 4" by NAMMO LIAB AB or as "IKAROS" by Hansson Pyrotech. "IKAROS" Hansson Pyrotech is the more current manufacturing name. Datrex Inc., of Kinder, LA, is the only distributor for these products in the United States. There are approximately 2,790 signals with the potentially defect in the US market.

Datrex has removed all of its remaining stock from sale and is working with customers to replace these potentially dangerous signals. Any signal manufactured after October 2013 must be properly disposed of and replaced with a product that satisfies the vessel's carriage requirements. For questions or concerns, contact Datrex at 337-738-4511 or via email at [datrex@datrex.com](mailto:datrex@datrex.com).

This safety alert was developed by the Coast Guard Office of Design and Engineering Standards and distributed by the Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis. Any questions, comments, or incidences of accidental ignition involving these signals under this Certificate of Approval should be sent to sent to: [HQS-PF-fldr-CG-INV@uscg.mil](mailto:HQS-PF-fldr-CG-INV@uscg.mil)

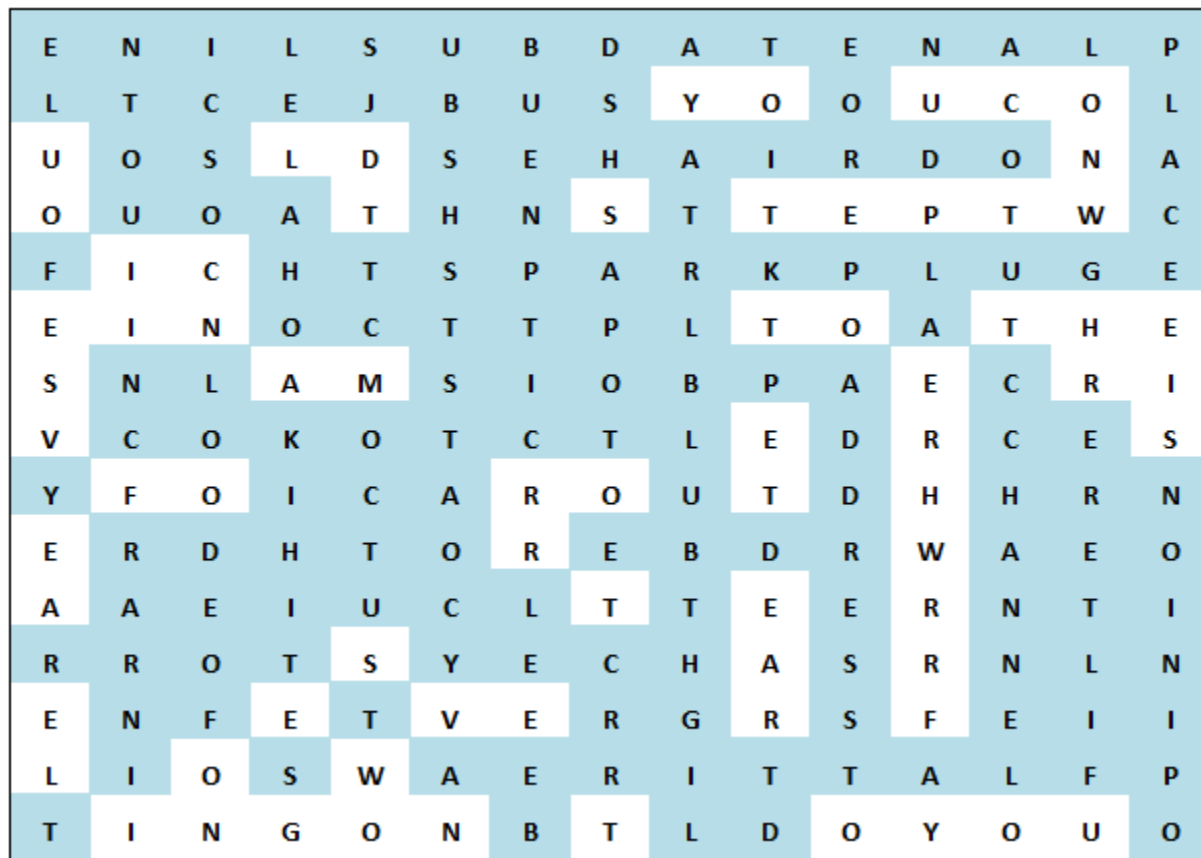




## JUST FOR FUN

"Hidden Message Word-Find Puzzles" are a fun twist to the ordinary word-find puzzles. The leftover letters will form a quotation by Greek philosopher Heraclitus about **change**.

Answers :



HIDDEN MESSAGE: **YOU COULD NOT STEP TWICE INTO THE SAME RIVERS; FOR OTHER WATERS ARE EVER FLOWING ONTO YOU.**

Courtesy of KAPPA Books, a Division of KAPPA Graphics LP



## *A FINAL THOUGHT FROM THE EDITOR*

A well-known speaker started off his seminar holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this."



He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it...?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We may feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE.

You are special... Don't EVER forget it."

If you do not pass this truth on, you may never know the lives it can touch, the hurting hearts it could speak to, or the hope that it may bring. Count your blessings, not your problems.

Submitted by Beth Parks, Ship 228-NJ

***"Your ordinary acts of love and hope point to the extraordinary promise that every human life is of inestimable value." - Desmond Tutu***