



NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE
ANNUAL REPORT FY23

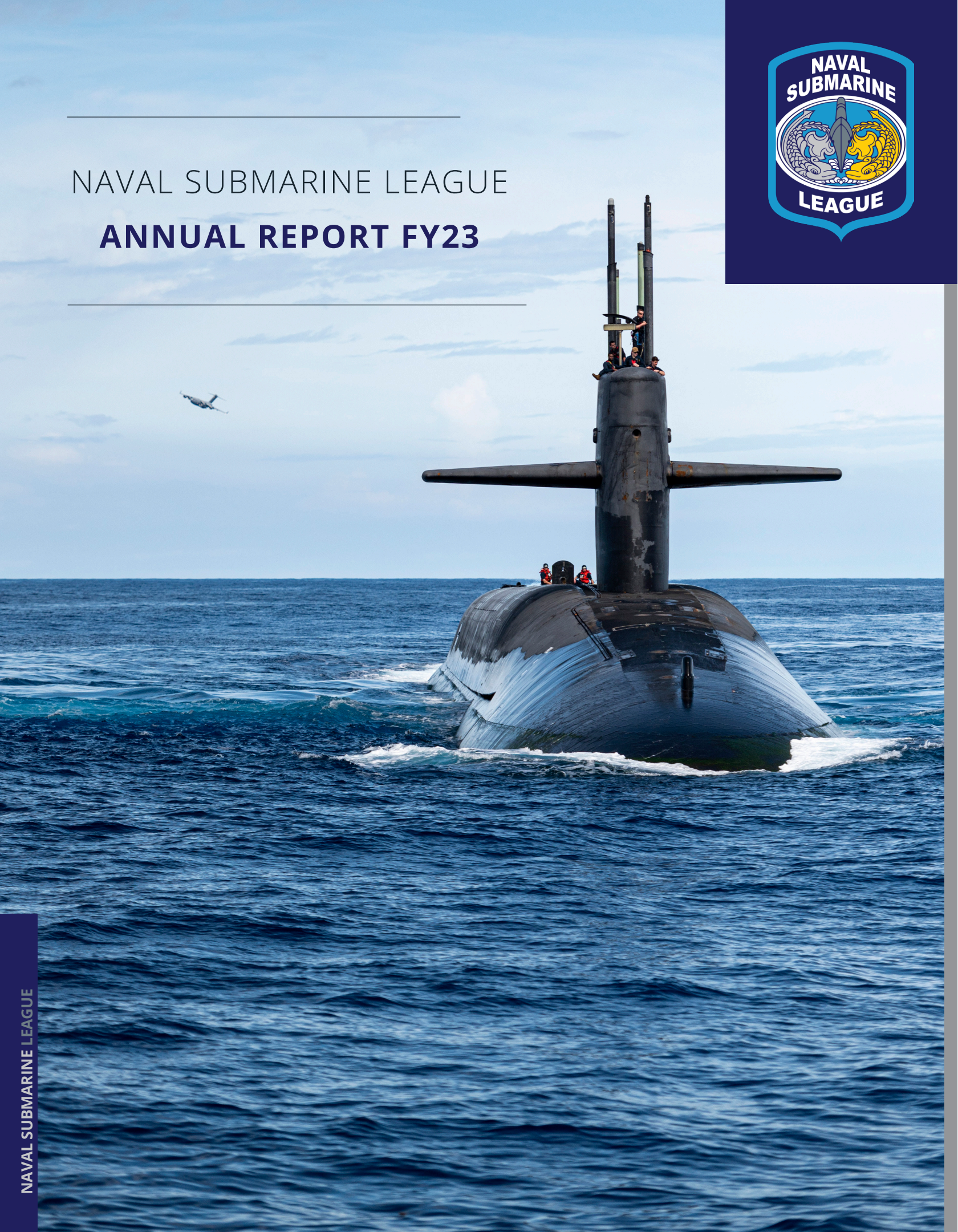




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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Fiscal year 2023 (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023) included nine months of the NSL's 40th anniversary. Since its incorporation in June of 1982, the organization has sought to support the U.S. Submarine Force wherever possible.

Early days saw the creation of a quarterly journal and the inception of a classified technology symposium, in addition to an annual meeting of members. Our goal was to promote awareness, by all elements of American society, of the need for a strong undersea arm of the United States Navy.

Today, we provide highly anticipated conferences, both classified and unclassified, so that industry, academia, and government can come together to identify, study, and develop potential solutions to undersea warfare challenges. Our submarine force speakers are known for staying throughout the conference to engage in informal discussion during breaks. Our support is valued by the Navy as evidenced when leadership asks us to organize specialty seminars. We are proud to present awards at our Annual Symposium to active duty and acquisition professionals in recognition of excellence at our Annual Symposium.

We began with four chapters (Groton, Hampton Roads, San Diego, and Bremerton) and now there are ten, with several inquiries about additional ones. Many of our members participate in chapter activities, but are also able to participate in the submarine community even if they don't live near a chapter. In recent years, outreach programs such as the speakers bureau, the mentor program, and industry briefs have developed more opportunities. Headquarters staff help members participate in commissioning committees and "sub clubs."

Many non-profit organizations are losing members and support, but the NSL is maintaining steady growth in membership and financial support. The capital campaign is well on the way to paying off the \$1.1M mortgage on the national headquarters building. Some key figures for FY23 are listed below.

VADM William Hilarides, USN (Ret)
NSL President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Hilarides', is positioned below the typed name and title.

Individual members – 3688
Corporate members – 144
Submarine Technology Symposium – 677
Annual Symposium & Industry Update – 639
Corporate Member Days – 388
NROTC Awards Given – 42

NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE EVENTS



20 OCTOBER 2022

HISTORY SEMINAR

The History Seminar was held as an online webinar. The presentation began with a discussion by Marc Wortman, Ph.D, of his book, *Admiral Hyman Rickover, Engineer of Power*. Additional speakers included, RADM Jay Cohen, USN (Ret) and VADM Jay Donnelly, USN (Ret), both of whom knew ADM Rickover and commanded USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709) and CDR Matt Beach, USN, Prospective Commanding Officer, USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 795).

ADMIRAL HYMAN RICKOVER, ENGINEER OF POWER



ON-DEMAND SEMINARS

From time to time, submarine leadership asks the NSL to organize a special seminar, usually a half-day event. We are pleased to facilitate the exchange of information between government, industry, and academia. In FY23, the NSL organized one event:

13 JULY 2022

SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE

This unclassified event was held at Boeing headquarters in Arlington, VA. Over 90 people heard from keynote speaker, RDML Jonathan Rucker, USN, PEO for Attack Submarines. Other speakers were Ryan Burt (NSVSEA 04P), Matthew Sermon (Executive Director, PEO SSBN), Curtis Mastalski (NAVSEA 07Q), and CAPT Garrett Burkholder, USN (PMS 392).

SUBMARINE TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

17 - 19 MAY 2022

PRESENT AND POSTURED FOR STRATEGIC COMPETITION



The Submarine Technology Symposium is a classified (SECRET/NOFORN) three-day conference hosted on the campus of Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Attendees joined in on technical presentations, exhibits, and discussions. The conference encouraged collaboration among industry, academia, and government. The speakers at the Symposium included: ADM Frank Caldwell, VADM William Merz, VADM William Houston, VADM Stuart Munsch, CDR Jared Smith, RAMD Douglas Perry, VADM Johnny Wolfe, RADM David Goggins, CAPT Gary Montalvo, RADM James Pitts, RADM Scott Pappano, and RDML Martin Muckian.

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM AND INDUSTRY UPDATE

01 - 02 NOVEMBER 2022
EXPANDING THE REACH OF THE UNDERSEA FORCE



The Annual Symposium was held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. Over 546 people and 31 exhibitors attended, including retired and active duty Submarine Force leaders and members of the corporate and academic communities. Speakers included The Honorable Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Manoach Lamarre, Office of the Secretary of Labor, ADM Frank Caldwell, ADM Christopher Grady, ADM Chas Richard, VADM Johnny Wolfe, VADM Bill Houston, RADM Jeff Jablon, RADM Doug Perry, RADM Scott Pappano, RDML Casey Moton, RDML Jon Rucker, and Mr. Michael McClatchey. The agenda and transcripts from the event can be found in-depth within the March 2023 issue of The Submarine Review. The Distinguished Civilian honored was Mr. Stephen Trautman, The Distinguished Submariner was Mr. Martin Cooper.

08 - 09 MARCH 2023

CORPORATE MEMBER DAYS

This event, available only to government leaders and employees of corporate members of the Naval Submarine League, is to facilitate the exchange of business, technical, and professional information relevant to submarines and undersea warfare. This year, over 300 people attended Corporate Member Days at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. Speakers included ADM Frank Caldwell, ADM Lisa Franchetti, VADM Bill Houston, CAPT Garrett Burkholder, Mr. Matt Sermon, RADM Doug Perry, Ms. Kate Käufer



NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE CHAPTER NEWS



ALOHA CHAPTER

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The year began with regular monthly lunches and meetings at the Silver Dolphin Bistro (galley) at Pearl Harbor. Some notable speakers included RADM Blake Converse, Deputy CINCPACFLT; RADM Jeff Jablon, COMSUBPAC; Wes Guinn, CSP N3, Commodore Aaron Peterson, CSS1, and ADM Tom Fargo, USN (Ret). The chapter sponsored both the Officer and Enlisted Submarine Birthday Ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and participated in the honors and festivities. They joined with Pearl Harbor base submarine leaders and sailors to host several Khaki Social events including a commemoration of the Naval Submarine League's 40th birthday. Aloha!

ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

The ASE Chapter participated in the combined Enlisted and Officer Submarine Ball in April. The ASE chapter, in partnership with some community organizations, sponsored the 'Our Community Cares Salute to Military Enlistees' dinner. A chapter meeting featured CAPT Rob Peters, Chief of Staff of Submarine Group Ten, who shared his experience as CO of USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729). The chapter celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Naval Submarine League by hosting an event at the VFW Hall, inviting chapter members, Navy League members, and submarine veterans to enjoy anniversary cake and refreshments. The ASE chapter co-sponsored the St. Marys Submarine Museum Christmas Dinner December 26th for 22 submarine sailors who could not get home for the holidays. The year 2023 began with a meeting, honoring Battle 'E' winners from Submarine Squadrons 16 and 20, USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729) and USS RHODE ISLAND (SSBN 740).

CAPITOL CHAPTER

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The Capitol Chapter held five luncheon meetings attended by an average of 50 members. Speakers included RADM William Gaucher, OPNAV N2/N5; VADM William Galinis, COMNAVSEA; Mr. Brad Neff, Deputy OPNAV N97; and RDML Jason Lloyd, NAVSEA 05. In addition, they held an NSL Anniversary Celebration in June that was attended by thirty members and guests. The chapter had two tables at the Annual DC Submarine Birthday Ball and a table at the Annual Battle of Midway Dinner. The chapter continued its support of local NROTCs by hosting midshipmen at chapter luncheons, by donating to their Dolphin/Nuclear Power clubs, and by maintaining a monthly liaison meeting with USNA senior submariners.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER

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The Hampton Roads Chapter held four online general membership meetings in FY 23. The chapter held a 40th anniversary meeting of the NSL where the guest speaker was the son of a USS BARB (SS-220) crew member. The Chapter leadership held five breakfast meetings to discuss upcoming speakers, general chapter business, finances, and how to increase participation. Two industrial base outreach presentations were provided.

LEVERING SMITH CHAPTER

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The Levering Smith Chapter had the pleasure of recognizing four "Sailors of the Quarter" and "Junior Sailors of the Quarter" from Naval Ordnance Test Unit. The chapter recognized two Honorman graduates from the NOTU's D5 In-Tube Conversion School (held two times per year). The chapter sponsored two events held by NOTU, including their annual picnic and the 2023 Submarine Birthday Ball.



NAUTILUS CHAPTER

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The Nautilus Chapter presented the NSL Submarine Tactical Excellence Award to the winner in six Submarine Officers Advanced Course (SOAC) graduations and five Submarine Officers Basic Course (SOBC) graduations. They continued to provide specially designed NSL challenge coin awards for the six major enlisted courses at Submarine School. The chapter held a 40th anniversary of the NSL celebration at the Sonalysts, Inc. Waterford, CT campus. The event welcomed all guests, served cake, and handed out anniversary challenge coins. Chapter Vice President Tom Olson was inducted to the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2022, in part for his outstanding volunteer efforts to the Naval Submarine League. The chapter supported the Groton Base of US Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) providing Thanksgiving meals to Fleet submariners. The Nautilus chapter also initiated a partnership with the Historic Ship Nautilus Education Specialist, providing over 20 posters to be distributed to classroom teachers.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

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The Pacific Northwest Chapter saw a rebuilding from pandemic limitations and reduced participation over the past year. They held six local monthly meetings, several with guest speakers. The high point was their annual Holiday Luncheon at Kiana Lodge, attended by over 50 members and friends. PACNW welcomed several Leaders and spouses from the USS SEAWOLF (SSN 575) to introduce a new Seawolf Sub Club and also recognized two of the recent NSL Annual Leadership award winners. Jointly with the local Navy League, they welcomed two submarine arrivals USS CHICAGO (SSN 72) and USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) with an event for the crew at the Horse and Cow.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

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The Pacific Southwest Chapter conducted nine in-person luncheons / professional forums at Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL). Since COVID restrictions were relaxed, typical meeting attendance ranged from 35 to 45 persons, with 97 at the February 2023 meeting. Tours for PACSW members were conducted at the Peruvian submarine BAP PISAGUA (SS-33) at NBPL. They supported several special events, including USS SCRANTON (SSN 756) homecoming and Subron 11 2022 Commodore's Cup. NSLPACSW members and CDRE Subron 11 conducted a panel discussion at the Coronado Historical Association on submarine operations. The chapter made donations to the 52 boats Memorial for wreaths in December and to the Subron 11 Battle E boat, USS ALEXANDRIA's (SSN 757) family support group.

SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

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The South Carolina Chapter continued with a virtual monthly speaking program by ZOOM Video. The speakers included: CAPT Scott McGinnis, USN, CO (NNPTC), Naval Nuclear Power Training Command (NUC Power School); CAPT Reed Koepp, USN, CO (NNPTU), Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, (Prototype); CAPT Al Alarcon, USN Director Commander's Action Group, Commander Submarine Forces, Pacific; CAPT Tim Poe, USN Chief of Staff COMSUBGRU 2; RADM Doug Perry, USN, OPNAV97, Pentagon; RDML (sel) Drew Miller, USN COMSUBFOR COS. The Chapter President presented an industry briefing to Pegasus Steel company and the RADM Freddie Warder Award to the top NROTC Cadet going into submarines from The Citadel.

NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE OUTREACH PROGRAMS



SPEAKERS BUREAU

Members of the NSL across the U.S. are available to speak to local civic groups, schools, and businesses. NSL presentations educate the public about the importance of submarines to the national defense. NSL video with slides and talking points are provided electronically and often the speaker is a retired submariner and can include stories and anecdotes from personal experiences. The NSL membership is proud to have 130 members participating in the Speakers Bureau program

SUB CLUBS

The NSL offers support and ideas to interested parties in forming organizations dedicated to supporting crews and their families. This Fiscal Year (FY) the NSL completed the Sub Club Guide and made it available to members. The guide has information and templates about how to join or start a Sub Club. Sub Club zoom meetings were well attended with many ideas shared and questions answered. Some examples of activities that Sub Clubs participate in include care packages for the crew, holiday cards and ornaments, and arranging namesake visits.



USS Vermont SSN 792 Support Group sponsors an ongoing project with the FRG called the 'Sunshine Bag.'

HERITAGE

The Naval Submarine League lists submarine reunion information on the NSL website when it is provided. In addition, the NSL offers to provide a free Evolution of Submarines poster [available for sale on the NSL website] for the reunion. Finally, the NSL interviewed a former submariner to capture his stories and life experiences.



MENTORSHIP

During the past fiscal year 71 NSL members were registered in the NSL mentorship program. Mentors and mentees have one-on-one support and make connections with members of the submarine force or industry. Participants fill out a questionnaire on a web-based platform that uses an algorithm to set-up potential matches for the mentor/mentee relationship. Individuals then can choose from the suggested matches and are connected via email correspondence.

NROTC

The NSL presents an Outstanding Achievement Award to a graduating NROTC student approved for entry into the Navy's nuclear propulsion program as a submarine officer. This past fiscal year, over 40 students received the award. NSL members eagerly volunteer to represent the NSL during the NROTC Unit's award ceremony.



RADM Osie V. Combs, Jr., USN (Ret) presents the NSL Warder award to MIDN Raphael Seth Ramiro at the Houston Consortium NROTC ceremony

FISCAL YEAR 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

The following table shows the League finished the fiscal year in sound financial condition. The League finished the fiscal year “in the black” with revenue exceeding expenses on both a cash and accrual basis.

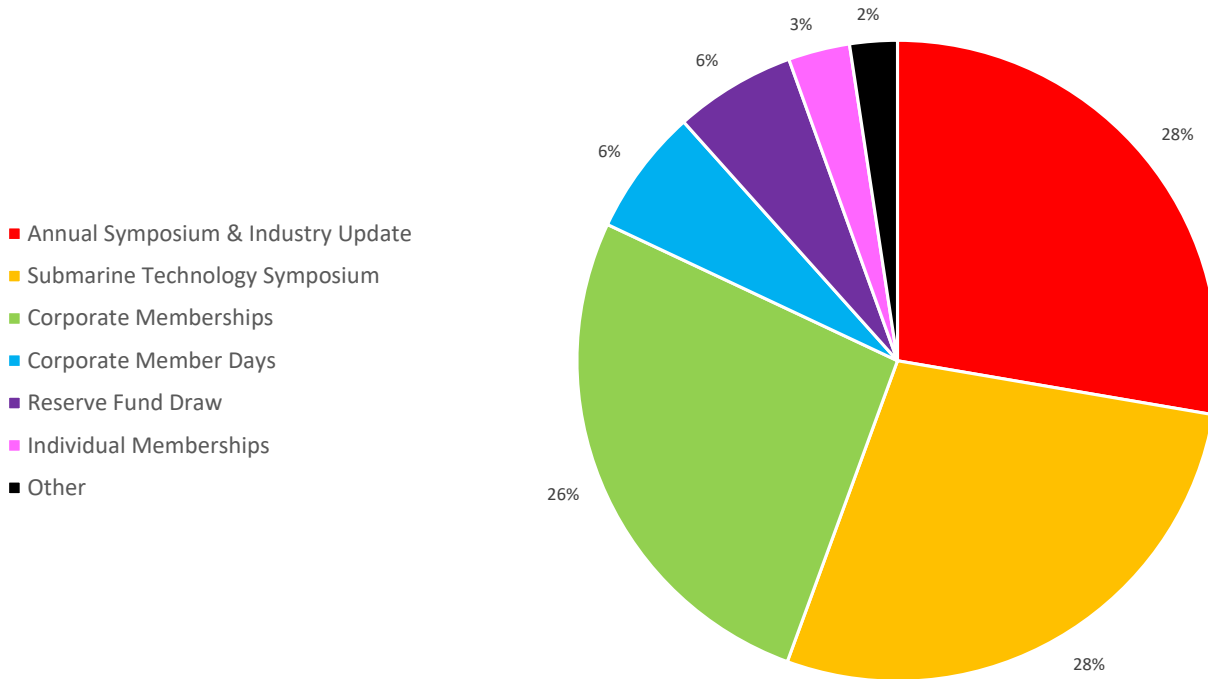
Accrual based revenue is significantly higher than actual cash flow because it includes donations (Reserve and Capital Campaign). On a cash flow basis, 90% of expenses went to program services; 10% went to general management and fundraising activities. (Fundraising expenses were less than 1%.)

Fiscal Year 2023 (1 APR 2022- 31 MAR 2023)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Shortfall) of Revenue over Expenses
FY 23 Budget (Cash Basis)	\$1,651,500 ¹	\$1,651,500	\$0
FY23 Cash Flow Actuals	\$1,960,094 ¹	\$1,883,961	\$76,133
FY23 Adjusted (Accrual Basis)	\$2,010,940	\$1,939,090	\$71,850
¹ Figures do not include donations (which are deposited in the reserve fund), investments, interest, or dividends			

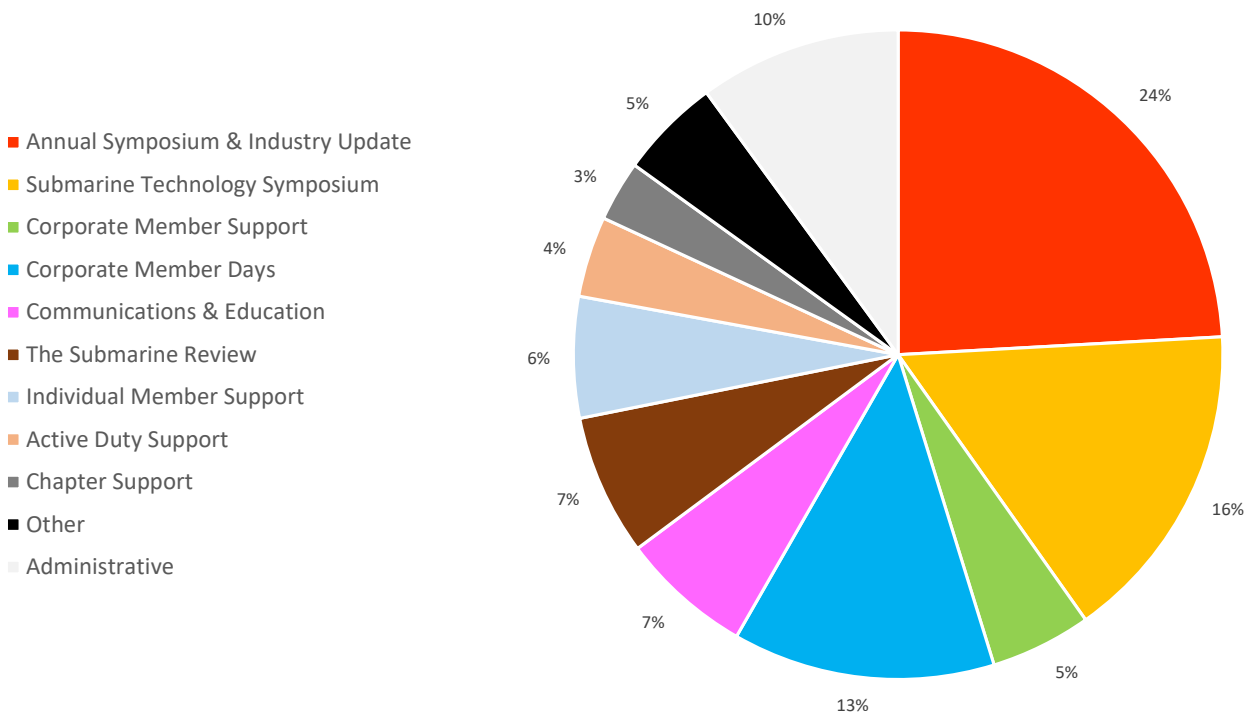
The League’s investment portfolio, our Reserve Fund, totaled \$2,237,663 at the end of FY2023 (March 31, 2023). With an operating budget approaching \$2 million, our goal is to build the Reserve Fund to a level 2 to 3 times the operating budget. To support this objective, all unrestricted donations since April 2017 have been deposited in the Reserve Fund and not used for monthly operating expenses. In FY2023, unrestricted donations totaled \$91,399.

By the end of FY23, the Capital Campaign had pledges of \$1,112,832 and had received \$1,078,078 (restricted donations) toward our goal of \$1.5 million. These funds are used to retire the mortgage on our new office at an accelerated rate and to recover refurbishment expenses. The League is grateful to all corporate and individual donors who support this effort.

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EXPENSES



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