About Seapower

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Ann Tropea, Editor-in-Chief

Ann Tropea joins the Navy League as the new editor-in-chief of Seapower Magazine, bringing extensive experience as an editor, attorney, and communications professional with 20+ years of experience leading teams across industries and organizations.
As a defense litigation attorney in New Orleans, Ann drafted both federal and state legal arguments as well as publishing legal articles in professional journals. She is also the former managing editor of the online news website TheLatest.com, where, in addition to managing the editorial staff and contributing writers, she was the regular food and lifestyle section writer.

Additional writing and publishing experience include: editing and self-publishing a community cookbook for the (now former) U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, serving as the managing editor of the Law Journal for the Loyola University Chicago School of Law, the editor-in-chief of the magazine for the New York University Department of Culture and Communication, and the associate publisher for the New York City lifestyle publication GO Magazine.

Ann is also an experienced public speaker, including for the University of Maryland’s business school, the annual Women Officer Leadership conference for AcademyWomen, and American Councils for International Education.

Ann is also a podcast host and producer, independent filmmaker, and is proficient in French. She is currently based in Baltimore City, where she lives with her husband, two children, and rescue dog. Ann holds a law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and graduated magna cum laude in mass media communication studies from New York University.

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**Victoria Motsay, Senior Art Director**

Victoria Motsay is an award-winning graphic designer with a background in print design from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. Her 10-year design career ranges from editorial and advertising design to video and motion graphics in both the nonprofit and private sectors. Victoria has worked at the Navy League since August of 2018 and is responsible for all visual collateral. In addition to Seapower magazine design and production, this encompasses brand development; marketing collateral for all conferences and events; and materials for membership, STEM field services, fundraising and government affairs. She is the proud sister of two Naval Academy graduates. Go Navy!