Navy League Releases 2025-2026 Maritime Policy Statement

Shipbuilding shortfalls, readiness gaps, and emerging threats jeopardize U.S. maritime security and economic stability

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The Navy League of the United States is proud to announce the release of its **2025-2026 Maritime Policy Statement**, a comprehensive report outlining the strategic priorities and legislative recommendations necessary to strengthen America's sea services. This biennial publication serves as a guiding document for policymakers, industry leaders, and the public, advocating for investments that ensure the continued security, prosperity, and global leadership of the United States through maritime power.

The Maritime Policy Statement forms the foundation of the Navy League's Legislative Affairs Program over the course of a two-year Congress. It is both highly educational for staff members and highly actionable for legislators. Based on extensive research from members of the Navy League's Maritime Policy Committee, this document covers all aspects of the maritime domain. It also provides policy prescriptions for Congress to address any issues impacting America's readiness and future capabilities.

"The Maritime Policy Statement has long been a source of pride for the Navy League. I deeply appreciate the dedication and effort that goes into crafting this important document, which serves as a vital resource for Congressional offices. It not only informs policy debates in Washington, D.C., but also acts as a compelling call to action for lawmakers," says Navy League CEO Mike Stevens, 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of

the Navy.

Key recommendations outlined in the report include:

- Appropriate at least $40 billion annually for the Navy Shipbuilding and Conversion budget to rapidly expand the fleet and account for the rising cost of labor and materials.

- Increase and accelerate funding for the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Plan to ensure the expanded submarine fleet can be properly maintained.

- Continue to support allies while investing in the production of depleted munitions to ensure that American forces have the firepower needed for a possible great power conflict.

- Incorporate National Defense Features on other vessels. Navy funding of such features on both U.S.- and foreign-built onboard TSP and MSP vessels (e.g. TSP CONSOL systems) is needed to enhance their military utility in support of contingency operations.

- Invest in military quality of life priorities such as affordable military housing, base and barracks modernization/renovation, increased access to childcare, and food security.

The full **2025-2026 Maritime Policy Statement** is available for download here.

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