

# Saunes Recognized With National President's Medal



Navy League CEO Mike Stevens (left) and National President and Chairman Dave Reilly (right), present Saunes with the National President's Medal. *LISA NIPP*

On Monday, April 4, the Navy League of the United States honored retired Rear Adm. Lars Saunes, professor and distinguished international fellow and former Chief of Royal Norwegian Navy, with its National President's Medal. The nonprofit bestows this award to foreign dignitaries who "exemplify the highest ideals of the Navy League through their significant contributions to world peace, national security and outstanding service to their country and fellow citizens."

In addition to his accomplishments to tackle Arctic challenges as Norway's chief naval officer, Saunes was awarded for providing his expertise to the Navy League, serving as a moderator at Sea-Air-Space 2021 and also for the relationship

he has forged with the Navy League's Center for Maritime Strategy think tank.