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OUR NAVY

There is one day each year when our citizens join hands across the nation to render grateful tribute to our mighty Navy.

October 27th was originally selected for the annual observance of Navy Day for two reasons: It commemorates the historic day in the year 1775 when the Continental Congress received a Bill providing for the creation of a fleet to protect a struggling nation. That particular day also marks the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt, who recognized the vital need for a powerful Navy and gave his hearty support to a program which resulted in a Navy respected by every nation on earth.

Plans are now in motion to make this year's Navy Day celebrations the most enthusiastic and the greatest in our history. Navy Day dinners; luncheons; public meetings; parades with bands and floats; church and school programs; newspaper articles, and radio addresses are some of the logical and appropriate ways to honor our Navy. One of the finest ways for a community to express its gratitude and recognition of the vital need for the continuance of a powerful Sea-Air Navy during peacetime as well as war, is to form an official Navy League Council, and plan to have the formal presentation of the Navy League Council charter climax a Navy Day luncheon or dinner.

Regardless of the size of your community, start your plans right now for a patriotic Navy Day celebration this year. No city is too large, and no town or village is too small to play its part in this sincere tribute to our grand Navy.

As an official of The American Legion, you are urged to work with your local committee in making this program a big success. If you do not have a local committee, you should take the lead in creating some sort of a community program. The least you can do is to devote a special, called, Legion and Auxiliary meeting for this purpose.

More information may be obtained from:- The Navy League of the United States, The Mills Building, Washington 6, D. C.

Herewith inclosed is a brief news release pertaining to the latest ruling of the Surplus Property Board.

Pamphlets will soon be available giving full and complete details as to how, when, and where a veteran may purchase this property.

Read it, and pass it on to your Service Officer, and others.

YOU, Mr. Post Commander, have a definite obligation to go to work on the "Gifts To Yanks Who Gave" program.
You should have a Chairman, or Committee, appointed by now, and you must see that all information on this subject reaches the Chairman.
You should, by all means, seek the full cooperation of your Auxiliary Unit.
Get everyone in your community to listening to the Eddie Cantor program on each Wednesday night at 8:00.
Complete information will come along later, BUT you must start preparing NOW.

And don't forget to bring every membership card you can possibly muster to the Conference at Emporia.

These cards will be turned in during the "Membership Forum", which will be conducted by Legionnaire Andy Schoeppel, Monday morning, October 22.

"NO GROUP OF LIVING MEN SO INSPIRE ME, AND NO GROUP DO I HOLD IN SUCH REVERENCE, AS THOSE WHO NOW COMPOSE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN LEGION."

SIGNED: General Douglas A. MacArthur.

See you at Emporia. — "Click"