

# NAVY LEAGUE EXPANSION

The Navy League joins the Nation in mourning the loss of the Commander-in-Chief, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He was a staunch friend of the cause of a strong Navy. The fleet that sails the sea today is a tribute to his foresight and effort.

## GOAL REACHED

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The goal set last fall by the state vice presidents of the League in the Ninth Naval District has been reached. Every one of the 13 states in the District has the necessary 10 charters for a state council. The preliminary objective is achieved.

The League is not yet fully representative of the great Midwest. Many large cities are still without Navy League councils. Experience has demonstrated that every city of 5,000 or over is adequate to support and should have a Navy League organization. The chart on the next page shows the potential in terms of cities of 5,000. No state should feel that it has even approached completing the job of expansion until all, or the major percentage of its potential, is realized. The job is only begun. We should complete it while we have the momentum.

The complete organization may be effected if every local organization will through its state vice president plan now to see that the cities in its vicinity likewise have councils.

In every state the following steps should be taken to complete organization: Local councils not already organized should meet, elect officers, adopt by-laws, and hold a charter meeting.

Arrangements for Navy speakers and for combat films should be made through the state vice president.

The 169 councils which are now organized represents remarkable progress since last fall when the movement began with but nine councils in the District, but let's finish the job and do it right. The 6,000 members which have been enlisted during the expansion is an impressive total, but many local councils are still too small. Let's get all of the Navy's friends in the community into the movement.



**ILLINOIS STATE CHARTER MEETING.** Left to right: Sheldon Clark, President of the Navy League of the United States; William E. Fay, State Vice President for Illinois; and Vice Admiral Arthur S. Carpender, U.S.N., Commandant of the Ninth Naval District. 75 representatives of Navy League councils were the guests of Britton I. Budd, National Director, at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago on 29 March, when the state charter was presented by Mr. Clark to Mr. Fay. The Commandant made the principal address. Illinois was the first state to organize. On the night of the Illinois meeting the tenth organization in Kentucky was completed, and every state in the District thus became entitled to a state charter.



**IOWA STATE CHARTER MEETING.** Left to right: Karl E. Madden, State Vice President for Iowa; Vice Admiral Arthur S. Carpender, USN, Commandant, Ninth Naval District; Frank A. Hecht, Jr., Regional Vice President; and W. E. Bettendorf, President of the Davenport, Iowa council. Over 100 representatives of local councils in Iowa were present at the state charter meeting in Davenport on 21 March. The charter was presented by Mr. Frank A. Hecht, Jr., Regional Vice President to the newly elected state vice president, Karl E. Madden, at the banquet in the Blackhawk Hotel. The Commandant was the principal speaker. Preceding the dinner the representatives were the guests of Mr. Bettendorf and the Davenport organization at a cocktail party.

## NEW NAVY LEAGUE COUNCILS

There are now 169 local councils in the Ninth Naval District. The councils organized since the March issue of the Information Letter with the names of their temporary chairmen are as follows:

### INDIANA

Lebanon ..... W. H. Parr, Jr. (TC)

### NORTH DAKOTA

Hettinger .....

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Vermillion ..... I. D. Weeks (TC)  
Yankton ..... John L. Keating (TC)

### MICHIGAN

Battle Creek ..... B. E. Godde (TC)  
Grand Rapids .....  
..... J. W. Blodgett, Jr. (TC)  
Jackson ..... Donald M. Mackie (TC)  
Kalamazoo ..... Frank J. Ryan (TC)  
Lansing .....  
Muskegon ..... C. S. Prescott (TC)  
Ypsilanti ..... George Ennen (TC)

### OHIO

Akron ..... Charles Burke (TC)

Columbus ..... John F. Williams and  
John B. Heenan (CO-TC)  
Dayton ..... S. C. Allyn (TC)  
Hamilton ..... Guy H. Beckett (TC)  
Ironton ..... Charles L. Collett (TC)  
Middletown ..... G. F. Ahlbrandt (TC)  
Sandusky ..... James Parker (TC)  
Toledo ..... E. P. Brooks (TC)  
Zanesville .....

### KENTUCKY

Ashland ..... E. W. Seaton (TC)  
Danville ..... Henry Nichols (TC)  
Frankfort ..... Charles O'Connell (TC)  
Harlan ..... J. Frank Fox (TC)  
LaGrange ..... J. Ballard Clark (TC)  
Lexington ..... Sam Walton (TC)  
Mayfield ..... Clay Shelton (TC)  
Middlesboro ..... Lee Campbell (TC)  
Owensboro ..... John A. Bolger (TC)  
Paducah ..... Lanson Ditto (P)  
Paris ..... H. A. Rogers (TC)  
Winchester ..... Allan Buckner (TC)  
Bowling Green ..... J. Rowe Cessna (TC)