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NAVY LEAGUE TO HONOR LANCE T. SHANER

The Navy League of Central PA will honor Lance T. Shaner with a banquet at the Penn Stater on 13 September 2012. Mr. Shaner will be the 2012 recipient of the Navy League of Central PA's LT Michael P. Murphy Distinguished Citizen Award. LT Joshua W. Welle, USN and Mr. Scott Mactavish will be guest speakers. Tickets for the event will be available for purchase by the public on 7 August 2012. Order forms can be downloaded from the Navy League's website: www.navyleague-centralpa.org. For more information contact John Groenveld at 814-863-9896.

Mr. Shaner is chairman and chief executive officer of Shaner Group. He is known throughout Centre County for his various efforts which include the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County, United Way, Centre Volunteers in Medicine, Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, Mount Nittany Medical Center and many other programs that benefit our community.

The LT Michael P. Murphy Distinguished Citizen Award is given to a non-active duty person(s) whose character, distinguished military or civilian service and stature draw wholesome comparison to the qualities for which the Central PA Council of the Navy League strives. The 1998 Penn State graduate, LT Murphy, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on 22 October 2007 for his actions in combat 27 to 28 June 2005, while leading a special reconnaissance mission deep behind enemy lines in the Hindu Kush of Afghanistan. More information about Murphy's life and career can be found at www.navy.mil/moh/mpmurphy/.

LT Welle is a 2002 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and an active duty Surface Warfare Officer. He is lead editor of "In the Shadow of Greatness: Voices of Leadership, Sacrifice, and Service from America's Longest War". Tours at sea include engineer officer in USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51), weapons officer in USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD 52), and main propulsion assistant in USS COWPENS (CG 63). While ashore, LT Welle taught American Government and International Relations at Annapolis. He served as special assistant to the 11th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ADM William Crowe, USN (Ret.). He served in Kandahar, Afghanistan as a NATO economic development advisor. More information about his book can be found at ShadowOfGreatness.COM.

Mr. Scott Mactavish is producer of the film, "MURPH", the feature-length documentary based on LT Murphy's entire life of honor, courage and commitment, as told by his friends, family and teammates. Mactavish is a Navy veteran and a member of Navy League Hampton Roads. More information about his movie can be found at MurphMovie.COM.

The Navy League of Central PA is dedicated to nonpartisan, enhanced public understanding of the missions and challenges facing today's Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine, as well as advocating for the well-being of the men and women of each service.