

# **Navy League Awards Meritorious Citation to Dr. J. Phillip London**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Navy League headquarters presented Dr. J. Phillip “Jack” London, executive chairman and chairman of the board of CACI International with its Meritorious Citation, the highest honor the Navy League bestows upon an individual or an organization.

“Dr. London has shown phenomenal leadership and character throughout his military service and his successful career,” said Navy League National President Alan Kaplan at the Nov. 3 presentation during an award dinner at the annual board of directors meeting. “He has left an indelible mark on the Navy League of the United States through the guidance and support he has bestowed upon me and the national presidents that have come before me.”

London has been a staunch supporter of the Navy League throughout his career. His long relationship with the Navy League has included ship commissioning ceremonies, numerous Navy anniversary celebrations including the War of 1812 Bicentennial, Sea-Air-Space expositions, service on Navy League national committees, and as a supporter and adviser to Navy League national presidents – the highest-ranking position in the organization.

“Receiving the highest award and recognition bestowed by on an individual by the Navy League is an honor I will always cherish,” London said to an audience of Navy League members, special guests and military service members at the Crowne Plaza Old Town. “Being recognized in this company is an honor onto itself.”

“Jack has lived a life of true character, a life that has

impacted generations of Sailors and Marines and anyone who thinks that service to our country is important," said Adm. William Moran, keynote speaker for the night's event.

Moran thanked the Navy League members in attendance for the impact the organization has on service members.

"It's your impact, members of this group of patriots, that inspire the rest of us who are serving and those still to come," he said. "It's why it's so important the Navy League thrives for years to come."

Moran highlighted London's 1959 graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. London then served active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1959 to 1971. From 1961 to 1965, he served as a Navy carrier anti-submarine warfare helicopter pilot, positioned against the Soviet submarine nuclear missile threat. He saw duty in 1962 during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

While in the Naval Reserve from 1971 to 1983, Capt. London served as an aeronautical engineering duty officer and was commanding officer of the Naval Air Systems Command Reserve engineering unit.

London has previously received the Navy League Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Award in 2007 and the New York City Navy League's council's Leadership Technology Award in 2016.