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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

9th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Although the few weeks since our February Dinner have been a little quiet, as Spring arrives our activity level is picking up along with the temperature. Today I attended a Naval Academy Admissions Forum in Miami along with more than 300 candidates, potential candidates, and their families. There was also entertainment provided by the Naval Academy's Women's Glee Club, and their performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I mention this since we are all looking forward to hearing that same group sing at Briny's, where we will co-host a reception for them as our March "Event". Hopefully many of you will have made it out to what we anticipate will be a great evening.

On the 4th of April, we have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and picnic at the Coast Guard Station Ft. Lauderdale. This has always been a really nice day that gives us an opportunity to show our support - not only to our local "Coasties", but also their families! We hope to see a good turnout, and don't forget to bring along your own kids or grandkids!

This of course leads us up to Fleet Week. I will not delve into the details since the article by Tom Jones provides a good breakdown of the various events and volunteer requirements. Once again, I'd like to encourage all of our membership, but especially those of you that have not helped out in the past, to try to free up some time and lend a hand. Tom's article indicates the wide variety of volunteer opportunities available, from helping out with tour check in or the info desk on the pier to providing transportation to various events, or even helping out at the golf outings. Please give Don Bannister a call to let him know you'd like to help, and see if he can line you up with something that will fit your schedule. Also, don't forget about the evening opportunities to socialize and show your support! Let's try to maximize our participation and have a great Fleet Week 2009!

As always, thanks for your support.



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**Retirement Ceremony
Janette Ramos Chandler
Yeoman Chief Petty Officer
United States Navy**



Chief Petty Officer Janette R. Chandler was born on 12 December 1969 in Brooklyn, New York. Graduating from Grover Cleveland High School, she enlisted in the Navy on 28 March, 1989, and attended Recruit Training Command in Orlando, FL.

Upon graduating from Recruit Training Command, Orlando, she attended Yeoman "A" school in Meridian, Mississippi. Upon completion of Yeoman "A" school she was nominated and selected for the position of Administrative Department Yeoman for the Vice Chief of Naval Operations where she reported for duty in July of 1989.

Chief Petty Officer Chandler transferred to Bureau of Naval Personnel in 1989 assigned to (PERS-6) Navy Drug and Alcohol Division. She was selected by RADM Gallo to part take in a Tiger Team to compute a backlog of over 2600 Fleet Reserve Computations. She received her first Navy Achievement Medal.

In June 1993, Chief Petty Officer Chandler reenlisted into the Training and Administration of Reserves and was transferred to Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Washington, where she served for five years. She rotated among assignments as Assistant Security Officer, Reserve Pay Coordinator, IDTT Coordinator, and Administrative Leading Petty Officer. She received three Navy Achievement Medals for her outstanding dedication and loyalty to NMCRC Anacostia.

In 1998 Chief Petty Officer Chandler was transferred to Naval Reserve Center, Adelphi where she served as the Personnel Department Leading Petty Officer. She was selected as 2000 Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region Six Sailor of the Year and in 2001 she was selected as Naval Reserve Center, Adelphi Sailor of the Year.

In 2002 she transferred to Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 210 serving as the Readiness Training Department Head and Leading Chief Petty Officer. She was selected for 2002 Sailor of the Year.

In 2004 she transferred and served as Navy Operational Support Center, Miami Command Chief. She was selected as Miami Chamber of Commerce Service Person of the Year 2008.

Chief Chandler's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2 awards), Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal (6 awards), National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Global War on Terrorism Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (4 awards) and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Chief Petty Officer Chandler resides in Pembroke Pines, FL with her husband Steven G. Chandler and her daughter Melody M. Spears.



A feeling of respect, pride and friendship filled the room and touched the standing room only audience - the family, friends, associates and shipmates as they paid tribute to Janette's outstanding Navy career.

Photo by: Bob Hein

Chief Petty Officer Janette R. Chandler with CDR. Russell C. Larratt (now of NAS J'ville) and LCDR Brett P. Bormann, CO NOSC Miami

**USNA Women's Glee Club
Performs
At Joint Association Social**



On 16 March The United States Naval Academy Women's Glee Club performed at a joint meeting of The United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, The Naval Academy Parents Club and the Broward County Council Navy League of the US at Briny's Irish Pub along the Riverfront in Fort Lauderdale.

The Women's Glee Club, under the new direction of Ms. Cindy Bauchspies, was founded in 1976 when women first entered the Naval Academy. This year's notable appearances include the Inaugural Concert "We are One" performed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for a live audience of over half a million people and televised audience numbering hundreds of millions, The Official National Dedication Ceremony of the Pentagon Memorial (9/11), a concert tour of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Orlando, FL, and numerous performances at the Naval Academy. It is with honor, pride and distinction that the Women's Glee Club represents the United States, The United States Navy and Marine Corps, and the Naval Academy.

It was a perfect Florida evening of enjoyment for all those in attendance, and there were many. Once again our thanks to Mike and Aileen Brennan, owners of Briny's Irish Pub, and a loyal contributing Community Affiliate for their hospitality.

And to the young ladies of the United States Naval Academy Glee Club.

Thank you!



Aileen Brennan (Briny's Irish Pub) and the United States Naval Academy Women's Glee Club.



Quantico, VA (Feb. 20, 2009) Marines stand at parade rest during a Navy Cross ceremony in honor of two fallen Camp Lejeune Marines, Lance Cpl. Jordan Haerter, from Sag Harbor, NY., and Cpl. Jonathan Yale, from Burkeville, VA. Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter presented the awards at a ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Haerter and Yale posthumously received the Navy Cross for actions in April 2008. They are credited with saving the lives of many Marines and Iraqi police. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Kevin S. O'Brien)

Washington (NNS) The Navy's newest aircraft carrier USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) returned to Norfolk Naval Base Feb. 16 following the completion of builder's sea trials that began Feb. 13.

Norfolk (NNS) The commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF), announced the selection of Fleet Master Chief (SW/AW) Tom Howard as the USFF Fleet Master Chief Feb. 19.



Pacific Ocean (Feb. 24, 2009) Sailors from Supply Department aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) stand in formation to spell an "E" for the Excellence Award the ship won on their behalf. Ronald Reagan is conducting fleet replacement squadron carrier qualifications in the Pacific Ocean. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Scott).

USS Carter Hall, At Sea (NNS) Commander, Naval Surface Forces awarded amphibious dock landing ship USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) the Battle Efficiency award Feb. 17.

USS Harry S. Truman, At Sea (NNS) USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) was awarded the East Coast Battle Efficiency Award for 2008 Feb 18. The Battle Efficiency Award signifies the overall readiness of command to carry out its assigned wartime tasks over a year-log evaluation.

Norfolk (NNS) Nearly 5,800 Sailors from the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group departed their homeports Feb. 21 for a regularly scheduled deployment in support of ongoing, worldwide operations. Commanded by Rear Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, commander, Carrier Strike Group (CCSG0 8, the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group also includes the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW)7; the staff Commander, Destroyer Squadron 28 with its assigned ships USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) and USS Halyburton (FFG 40); the fast attack submarine USS Scranton (SSN 576); Florida-based USS Vicksburg (CG 69) and USS Gettysburg (CG 64).

USS Carr (FFG 52) Change of Command. CDR Mark Metzger was relieved by CDR Eric Ver Hage at the ceremony held in Norfolk, VA March 7, 2009. CDR Ver Hage was a plank owner on board the USS Higgins (DDG 76) at her commissioning in Fort Lauderdale 24 April 1999.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Academy Awards 2008, go to the USS Bataan, the USS Leyte Gulf and our sponsored JROTC Programs in five schools in Broward County. Best Show: the Color Guard at monthly dinner meetings. Best Director: William Weiler President of Broward County Council Navy League. Best Screen Play, Robert Hein Director, Public Relations, Best Technical Advisor: Membership Chairman and Secretary, Broward Council, Marianne Giambrone Best Producer, Joe Giambrone, Don Bannister and Peggy Raben Best Sound Production, Naval Academy Glee Club, Best Actor and Actress, None, this is real life, the Sea Services are not acting. Best Screen writer Phyllis Bannister and Denise Hein, Best Production Company, Shelly and Al Stein; Best Costumes, Karin Weiler and Anita Carmel. Best Stage Design, Sandra and Tom Jones. Best Documentary, George Reeves, Best Short Film, John Kiefer; Best On Location Advisor, Bob Haab.

A new theatrics begins soon, Fleet Week 2009. Come meet the cast and crew.

Life time Achievement Award: Mark Stein and Alan Starr

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SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT NOSC MIAMI



CMD CHIEF QUINT E. WALKER

Hometown: Selmer, TN

Duty Title: Command Chief

Time in the Navy: 22 years

Why I joined the Navy: To travel the world and get an education, while serving my country.

Greatest achievement since joining the Navy: Earning my Bachelor of Science in Computer Networking, and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer Certification.

Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy: To reach the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer, and obtain my Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Plans after Navy life: To become a Computer Forensics Investigator for the CIA or FBI.

The thing I like most about my job is: Being given the opportunity to help my junior sailors to achieve their goals in the Navy.

Ground Breaking Ceremony THE MIAMI VA FISHER HOUSE.



Sue and Larry Nelson, Garry Murphy, Don Bannister, Joe Millsaps, George Reeves and COL Lettie Bien (USAR, Ret) participate in ground breaking.

The Fisher House Foundation, established in 1990 by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, provides temporary lodging to families of hospitalized active duty military members and Veterans. The foundation is committed to projects designed to improve the quality of life for our men and women in uniform.

The Miami VA Fisher House will include 20 private guest suites; each room will be professionally designed and beautifully furnished. The House will include a common kitchen, a spacious common dining room, a communal family and living room, large laundry facility with multiple washers and dryers, in-room telephone and TV/DVD player, and in-room Internet access.

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AMT 1 Brian C. Baker, Enlisted Chief of the Year, at USCG Air Station Miami is presented a certificate and check by Council Member Joe Giambrone. CMC Miner "Rusty" Pederson was on hand to offer congratulations.

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Fleet Week 2009-Port Everglades

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Fleet Week 2009-Port Everglades, presented by *Humana Military Healthcare Services*, will take place April 27 – May 2, 2009. The theme for this year's celebration is a "Salute to the Native American Veteran". The following ships are expected to participate:

USS Ashland (LSD-48)
USS San Jacinto (CG-56)
USS Forrest Sherman (DDG-98)
HMCS Preserver (AOR-510) from Canada
USS Toledo (SSN-769)
USCGC Tahoma (WMEC 908)

The week will kick off with an "***All Hands on Deck Welcoming Party***" at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino on Monday April 27th (6 PM to 10PM). All council members are encouraged to attend and welcome crewmembers from all of the ships.

Ship tours (both morning and afternoon) will be held Tuesday, April 28th through Friday, May 1st. Sign-ups will soon be available through a special Fleet Week website. Details will be provided through an e-mail notification.

Our council will sponsor a ***Junior Officers (JO) party*** on Tuesday, April 28th (6 to 8 PM) at Briny Riverfront Irish Pub and Restaurant. Plan to attend and greet the Junior Officers from all the ships while enjoying the tasty Briny buffet.

The ***Fleet Week Golf Classic*** will be held Tuesday, April 28th (noon) at Fort Lauderdale Golf and Country Club. Treat yourself and a crewmember to a round of golf.

Boca Del Ray Council will be hosting the ***Enlisted Person of the Year Banquet*** on Thursday, April 30th (6 PM to 9 PM) at Hugh's Catering. LCDR Brett Borman (CO – NOSC-Miami) will be guest speaker. The CO and Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) from each ship will be the honored guests. Contact Loretta Baldwin of the Boca council, llbaldwin@earthlink.net, ph: 561-361-7824, regarding tickets (\$60) for this wonderful evening.

As you can imagine, Fleet week is a huge undertaking and **requires many volunteers** to insure its success. We anticipate needing up to 175 Volunteers to support 22 major events throughout the week. These events include:

- **Official Ship Greeting Receptionists**, Mon (4 PM to 6 PM) – Need 5 Volunteers
- **All Hands on Deck Welcoming Party Guides**, Mon (5 PM to 10 PM) – Need 15 Volunteers
- **Ship Tour Check-in**, Tue-Fri (8:30 AM to 11:30 AM) and (12:30 PM to 3:30 PM) – Need 8 Volunteers each shift each day
- **MWR Tent**, Tue-Fri (8:30 AM to 12:30 PM) and (12:30 PM to 4:30 PM) – Need 2 Volunteers each shift, each day
- **COMREL Visitation Navigators to Schools/Hospitals**, Tue-Fri (9:15 AM to 1:45 PM) – Need 3 Volunteers each day
- **Fleet Week Port Everglades Golf Classic**, Tue (11AM to 7PM) – Need 12 Volunteers
- **Transportation to BSO Fire Rescue & Emergency Services Ride Along**, Wed & Thu (8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM) – Need 3 Volunteers with SUVs each shift and each day
- **Celebrity Chef Luncheon Check-in**, Wed (11:00 AM to 12:15 PM) – Need 10 Volunteers
- **Iron Chef Competition**, Wed (5:30 PM to 10PM) – Need 5 Volunteers
- **Dignitary Reception**, Fri (5:00 PM to 7:00 PM) – Need 8 Volunteers

PLEASE consider clearing your calendar for the week and becoming involved in this rewarding and enjoyable experience! **Contact Don Bannister at 954-980-1639 for more details and to sign-up.**

By Tom Jones