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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another very busy few weeks have just flown by, and BCNL has been an active participant in the festivities! We co-hosted, with Broward Navy Days, our annual Holiday Party for the local Coast Guard Commands. This event was held at Briny's, and as usual, Mike and Aileen Brennan did an outstanding job to insure that everyone had a great time. The USS Cole visited Port Everglades, and although we were not the host council, we had good representation at numerous events surrounding her visit. In addition to participating in the All Hands Welcome held at Briny's, and a Pearl Harbor Memorial Service at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, some of our members also took advantage of the opportunity to tour the Cole.

Next up was our Holiday Party held at the Bannister's. It was a great party with delicious food and a great beverage selection. Don & Phyllis deserve a huge "THANK YOU" for their efforts and their hospitality, not only from those that attended, but from the entire Council in light of the generous donation they made to our treasury from the proceeds of that gathering.

I also would like to thank those of you that have been rounding up the boxes of toys as part of Operation Homefront's Dollar Tree Toy Drive. At this writing, more than 100 cartons of toys have been dropped off at our local military installations for further distribution to those in need. Thanks to Dollar Tree and well done to all!

I would also like to mention the resignation of 3 of our Directors from the Board. VP of Legislative Affairs Jerry Corcoran has resigned due to his relocation to the DC area, (his wife Kristen has a new assignment there). Directors Telmo Ortega (due to the demands of his start-up business), and Bob Viverito (because of the extensive amount of time he is spending in Singapore), have asked to be relieved of their BOD responsibilities, at least until their personal situations change to a degree that might allow Board participation. I sincerely thank these 3 fine gentlemen for their assistance in the past, and look forward to seeing them at all of our events as their respective schedules permit! I have asked Bob Marks to assume the role of VP Legislative Affairs, and Ernie Gorwood and Erwin Sefton to join the BOD. I am happy to say that they have all accepted the invitation and will join the rest of the Board for our January Installation.

Finally, don't forget our Installation of Officers! I am very pleased to announce that BGen David Garza, USMC, Chief of Staff for U.S. Southern Command, will be our installing officer. The luncheon will be held on January 17th on the Carnival Freedom at Port Everglades. We anticipate checking in about 10:30 AM, with a cocktail reception at about 11:30, followed by lunch with wine at 12:15. There will then be time to visit the public areas of the ship, with disembarkation by 3PM. Please don't miss this event!

Have a great New Year!

Bill Weiler

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*Aboard the Carnival Freedom
Port Everglades, Florida
Saturday
January 17, 2009
11:30 AM*

*BGEN David Garza, USMC
Chief of Staff—US Southern Command
Installing Officer*

*Boarding begins at 10:30 AM
Followed by Installation and Luncheon
\$35.00 per person*

Send Security Information required by the ship with your check to:

*Anita Carmell
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Plantation, FL 33324-3740
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Security information to include Full Name, DOB, Driver's License #
Kindly respond by January 5, 2009

MCPON CHANGE OF COMMAND



WASHINGTON (Dec. 12, 2008) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr., left, gives the cutlass to Master Chief Rick D. West during the Passing of the Cutlass ceremony at the Sail Loft at the Washington Navy Yard. West is replacing Campa as the 12th MCPON. West is currently serving as Fleet Master Chief, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and previously served as Fleet Master Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He brings to this assignment 27 years of fleet experience, including six tours at sea highlighted by leadership positions aboard submarines and surface ships. In addition to his experience as Fleet Master Chief in the Pacific and Atlantic, he served as Chief of the Boat in USS Portsmouth (SSN 707), Command Master Chief in USS Preble (DDG 88), and Submarine Squadron 11, and Force Master Chief, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet. ...

In the NAVADMIN, ADM Roughead also praised MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr., who took the helm in July 2006 citing numerous milestones Campa achieved in his time serving as the senior enlisted member of the Navy.

“MCPON Campa can take great pride in his many contributions during his watch. His extraordinary leadership, keen insight, and sound judgment enhanced the role of the Chief Petty Officer. He authored the Chief Petty Officer’s mission, vision, guiding principles, revitalized the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy’s Leadership Mess, and empowered Fleet, Force, and Command Master Chiefs. Most importantly, he re-established the deckplate leadership that is the essence of a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer. His efforts significantly increased the impact of Navy Senior Enlisted Leaders and, in doing so, improved the readiness of the Navy,” Roughead said.

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jennifer A. Villalovos

FOURTH FLEET COMMANDER THANKS SAILORS FOR COUNTER DRUG EFFORT



Rear Adm. Joseph D. Kernan, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet, looks at pallets of drugs seized by the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard. The drugs are on the fantail of the guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) before being offloaded by law enforcement

officials. More than 13 metric tons of drugs worth more than \$220 million were interdicted by several different units and collected onboard the ship for transport back to the United States. Samuel B. Roberts and embarked Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 60 (HSL-60) Detachment 2 are deployed under operational control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet based in Mayport, Fla. conducting counter illicit trafficking operations in support of Joint Interagency Task Force-South in the U.S. Southern Command area of focus.

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Leah Stiles

CONGRATULATIONS



Captain Richard M. Kenin (CO, USCG Air Station Miami) was on hand as Council Member Joe Giambrone presented a Certificate to AMT1 Brian C. Baker, Enlisted Petty Officer of the Quarter.

USCG AIR CREW RECOGNIZED



Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue presented an award to the Air Crew of CG 6536 for the Rescue of Firefighter Patrick Scartozzi. Mr. Scartozzi became separated from his commercial dive vessel on 30 May 2008 and spent the night at sea. LCDR Anthony Jones, LTjg Christopher Presnell and AET2 Lidio Rhonda (pictured above L to R) recovered Mr. Scartozzi just after dawn on 31 May 2008.

We were launched shortly after coming on duty on the morning of 31 May and airborne at 0856 enroute to do a shoreline search. We had not yet commenced our actual search pattern, when our rescue swimmer, AST3 Mark Pipkin, said, “Mark, Mark, Mark, I see something orange in the water.” We circled back around to the object and found that the orange item in the water was being held by what appeared to be a diver who was attempting to wave at the helo. We quickly set up for a basket hoist, as the individual appeared ambulatory enough to get into the rescue basket without help. We lowered the basket, and after some struggling with his tanks and gear, he was able to get into the basket. He was hoisted up and positively identified at Patrick Scartozzi, the missing diver. We diverted to St Mary’s Hospital in W. Palm Beach and notified the sector that we had located the missing diver. He was delivered to the hospital without incident and we returned to the air station.

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News from the US Navy and the Coast Guard

Community Affiliates

The multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) returned to its homeport of Norfolk Nov. 23 following a successful expeditionary strike group integration exercise (ESGINT) with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (22 MEU) and vessels from the Bataan Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG).

Sailors aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) are undergoing the first phase of their crew Certification this November as part of the process to bring the ship back to operational status as it enters the final phases of its refueling complex overhaul (RCOH) at Northrop Grumman

USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), along with various embarked units, departed Georgetown, Guyana Nov. 22 to begin transit back to its homeport in Norfolk, Va., concluding four-months at sea in support of the Caribbean phase of Continuing Promise (CP) 2008.

Nearly 220 Sailors from Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 4 returned home Dec. 15 to the Naval Station Norfolk Air Mobility Command terminal after completing a seven-month deployment.

The Navy's newest Virginia-class attack submarine USS New Mexico (SSN 779) was christened Dec. 13 during a ceremony at Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Va.



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EDITOR'S NOTE



Denise Hein with Angelo Pettway

Touched by a moment, a person, and a gesture, on December 7, 2008 a few members of our Council and Broward Navy Days, set up a booth to solicit members for the Navy League. The booth was in the vicinity of Kelly's Landing.

We decided to buy a few American flags to put on the table. To enhance our cause, which was soliciting memberships for the Navy League. I walked to the stores nearby. Much to my disappointment, there were none in the stores nearby. I decided to walk across the street to Winn Dixie.

At the entrance to Winn Dixie, was a disabled African American. He was sitting beside a table with 200 small American flags. I became aware that he could hardly raise his head. I told him about my need for a few American flags. This disabled American was seeking donations for Disabled American Veterans. I told him of my plight, and informed him of the Navy League and its mission, he said lady take all the flags. He wouldn't take money. I took fifteen flags.

This special person is Angelo Pettway. Our special angel was collecting money for his cause, and came to my aid.

Americans give so much to this country. Let's continue in the New Year to thank those servicemen for helping us to stay free.

Teddy Roosevelt created a strong organization by founding the Navy League to support the Sea Services. Sometimes even an angel shows up to guide us along the way.

Denise Hein, Editor

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WELCOME ABOARD!

SHIP GREETINGS AND EVENTS

No Ships Currently Scheduled for Visits

SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55)



GM 3 HARDESTY

Hometown: Owensboro, KY

Duty Title: Gunner's Mate

Time in the Navy: Two Years

Why I joined the Navy: I joined the Navy so that I could travel outside of the borders of my home state and see culture from a different aspect, other than my couch. My hero (Papaw) is a retired BTC from the Navy and I enjoy nothing more than making him proud.

Most exciting/rewarding Navy experience: Becoming a Third Class Petty Officer.

Greatest achievement since joining the Navy: Receiving the Navy Achievement Medal.

Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy: I hope to achieve greater self-discipline, self-understanding, leadership qualities, and a direction in which other sailors can follow my lead.

Plans after Navy life: PH D in Pharmaceuticals and then a retirement to Gatlinburg, TN.

The thing I like most about my job is: The interaction and networking between me and my shipmates.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE



Fifty or more sailors from the USS Cole (DDG 67) were on hand to participate in the Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day co-sponsored by the Broward County Council and Broward Navy Days at USCG Station Fort Lauderdale. The ceremonies this year were followed by a picnic.

Guest Speaker, CDR Cary Krause, gave a poignant talk of the courageous battle and how it has influenced his life and career. Other participants included Lt. Doug Watson, CO, USCG Station Fort Lauderdale, LCDR Alan Starr and the Spruance Division of the Naval Sea Cadets. (For more photos of this and other events this month see the photo pages.)



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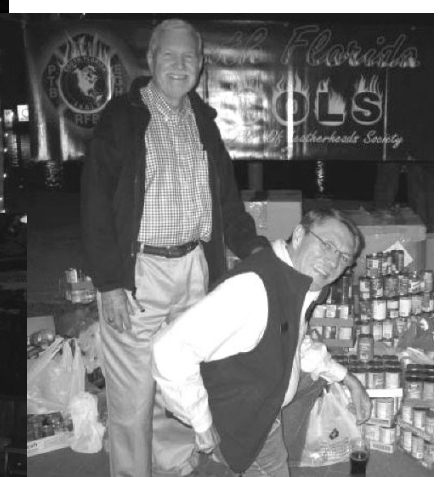
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WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR



**RECEPTION FOR THE USS COLE (DDG67)
AND THE FOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY
BRINY'S PUB**



**Sailors of the Year with
CDR Cary Krause**



**Photos by: Bob Hein, Nelly Keifer,
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and Special Thanks to USCG
Air Station Miami**

USS BATAAN SAILORS READING HOLIDAY CARDS FROM SILVER RIDGE ELEMENTARY



USCG ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY - NOVEMBER 29, 2008



NEW MEMBERS

RECEPTION

NOVEMBER 2008



**OPERATION HOMEFRONT - WORKING WITH DOLLAR STORES
DISTRIBUTED BY MILITARY FACILITIES - TOYS FOR CHILDREN - SMILES ON FACES -**



Thanks to Dollar Stores, Joe Giambrone, Bob Hein, George Reeves, and Al & Shelly Stein for coordinating delivery of collected cartons of toys and bringing joy to children . GREAT JOB!

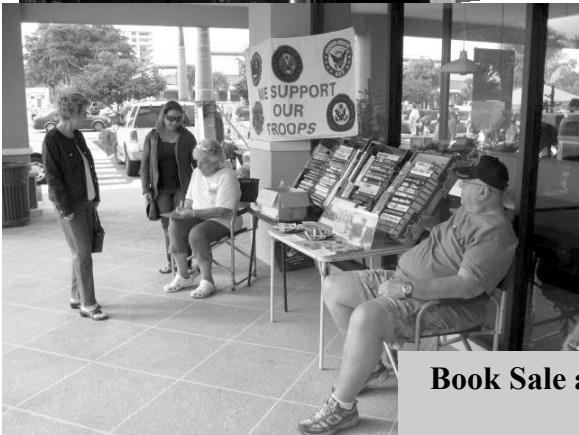


THANK YOU!

Once again, **ELIZABETH ARDEN** provided holiday gifts for the Coast Guardsmen in our area.

And to the "wrapping party" another GREAT JOB!

Thanks Denise, Don, Fran, Garry, Grace ,Kim, Phyllis and Joe



Book Sale and Membership Drive at Kelly's Landing Anniversary Fair!



HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE BANNISTER'S

As another Great Navy Year comes to a close we celebrate our good fortune, and are thankful for the young men and women of our military for all they do for us 24/7/365. Let's continue to grow and provide the support they so deserve.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY CHANUKAH
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!***