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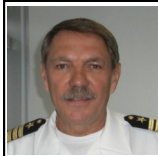
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We just held our annual "Oktoberfest" at Old Heidelberg, where the outstanding food was enhanced by the Bavarian setting and German music. We had an excellent turnout and everyone appeared to have a great time...a special thanks to Chef Stephan and Yvonne for their hospitality and treating us all to a round of Schnapps to top off the night.

Although we have no firm scheduled visits by our Navy, we have several foreign ships that will be visiting Port Everglades. By the time you read this, the Canadian ship HMCS Toronto will have called on Port Everglades. Fort Lauderdale is the host Council, and hopefully there will be some touring made available to our members. Also, BCNL will be hosting the British Frigate HMS Iron Duke from the 30th thru the 4th of November. The Captain will be holding a small on board reception on the 30th of October, and we will be hosting and "All Hands Party" at Briny's Riverfront on the 31st. Unfortunately, I will be in Corpus Christi attending the Navy League Convention, and unable to participate.

Speaking of the Convention, in addition to the honor of being named earlier as one of only 11 "Outstanding Councils" worldwide, last week I was notified that we also won 3rd place in the "2008 Public Relations Recognition Program" in the "medium council category". Although many folks assisted in this area, the award is especially a tribute to the hard work and relentless effort of Bob Hein, our publicity and public relations director. Consequently, I have submitted Bob's name to receive this award at the Convention's presentation ceremony.

I am excited to announce that CAPT. Marc Weeks, USN will be our guest speaker at November's Dinner Meeting at Tropical Acres on Thursday, the 12th. In addition to recently being assigned as SOUTHCOM's Navy Element Commander, CAPT. Weeks is also the new Director, Partnership for the Americas Collaboration Center. I encourage you to try to make it out to meet CAPT. Meeks and some of our newest members, enjoy dinner, and hear his presentation. Also, don't forget to save the date for our special December Holiday event on December 17th at Cinema Paradiso...stand by for details.

Bill Weiler

CAPT G. William Weiler, USN (Ret.)
President, Broward County Florida Council
Navy League of the United States
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NOVEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

When – Thursday, November 12, 2009

Where – Tropical Acres

Time - 6:30 pm for cocktails

7:15 pm for dinner

Speaker: Captain Marc Weeks, USN
CO Southern Command's Navy Element

Dinner Choices

Prime Rib or

Chicken Breast

Cost – \$30 per person

Reservations to: Anita Carmell by Nov 9th
ague@yahoo.com or 954-473-1071

2008 Public Relations Recognition Program Winner

October 6,2009

Dear Mr. Weiler,

CONGRATULATIONS! The Broward County Council is the **third place winner** of the 2008 Public Relations Recognition Program award in the **medium council category**. This is a follow-up to the phone notification you already received recognizing your council's accomplishment. The list of the 2008 Mackie Award and Public Relations Recognition Program winners will be posted on the Navy League and National Convention websites tomorrow.

Your council's outstanding achievement will be recognized on Friday, October 30 at this year's Navy League National Convention Honor Ceremony in Corpus Christi, Texas. Please provide me by October 16 the name and title of the person who will be accepting the award at the ceremony.

Thank you for participating in the Public Relations Recognition Program and I encourage you to participate in the Public Relations Recognition Program. We look forward to your submission for the 2009 competition. Your council members should be proud for your outstanding efforts in support of the men and women of the sea services.

Warm regards,
Janet Mescus
Sr. Dir. of Communications

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

NAVY LEAGUE MEMBERS: Sponsor or give a Navy League membership to a friend or family member this Holiday Season, and be entered into a drawing for \$500! Each membership you submit between 10/01/2009 and 12/31/2009 using the instructions below, will count as one contest entry. The winner will be announced on January 20, 2010. Good luck!



You can do this by:

1. Giving the gift of membership and pay for someone's membership as a gift for the Holiday Season; or
2. Sponsor a member.

To be eligible for the contest you must:

1. Be a member of the Navy League
2. Use the official contest form or write the Priority code 4Q2009 on an application you already have; or
3. Submit an application online, via mail or fax and fill in the Priority Code field with 4Q2009
4. Complete the application after October 1, 2009, and on or before December 31, 2009. Applications must be postmarked or received electronically by 12/31/09

Mail to:

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Attn: Membership Contest
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Application form also included in October issue of *SEAPOW* on page 55

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SHIP GREETINGS AND EVENTS

British Ship HMS IRON DUKE (F234) is expected to visit Port Everglades 30 October - 4 November. Our Council will be the "Official Host" along with Graeme Holman. Information on events, tours, etc. will be forwarded as it becomes available.

News from the Sea Services



NORFOLK, VA (Sept. 21, 2009) The guided-missile destroyer USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) Commanding Officer Cmdr. Frank Castellano, gives an interview to local media, after returning home to Naval Station Norfolk, VA. On April 12, 2009, Bainbridge Sailors assisted in the rescue of Richard Phillips, captain of American container ship MV Maersk Alabama after being seized by Somali pirates. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class John Suits)



ATLANTIC OCEAN (July 16, 2009) An F/A-18E Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 136 prepares to land on USS Carl Vinson's (CVN 70) flight deck during routine flight operations. Carl Vinson is underway conducting flight deck certification after the completion of its scheduled refueling complex overhaul (RCOH) at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Stephen Rowe)



SAN DIEGO (Sept. 11, 2009) Rear Adm. Peter Gumataotao receives his new flag officer combination cover from his father-in-law. Gumataotao, the first Guamanian to achieve the rank of flag officer, was joined in the ceremony by his family, whom he credits with instilling many of the values he has built upon throughout

his naval career. (U.S. navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Daniel J. Taylor)



MAYPORT FL (NNS) -- Family, friends and military gathered aboard Naval Station Mayport Oct. 5 to bid safe farewell to USS McNerney (FFG 8) as they set sail for their final deployment. The

McNerney will be the first gas turbine propelled ship to complete 30 years of service during their six-month deployment. All other ships of this kind have decommissioned prior to accomplishing this significant milestone.

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**USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55)
IC1 (SW) ANDREW HOHLBEIN**

Hometown: Toledo, Ohio
Duty Title: CE Division LPO/CPO
Time in Navy: 12 years 3 months
Why I joined the Navy: To experience life away from home, travel the world and education
Most Exciting/Rewarding experience in the Navy: SAR School
Greatest Navy Accomplishment: Earning Sailor of the Quarter
Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy: Becoming a Chief.
Post Navy plans: Move out west and live on a ranch away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.
The thing I like most about my job is: The opportunities

EDITORS NOTE

Hi Everyone,

It has been awhile since I wrote an editors note. Kudos to our Council. As the economy slows, more than ever our members need to attend dinner meetings and volunteer to help. This year we won the Outstanding Council Award and the third place Public Relations Recognition Award. Joe, Bob, Bill, Karin, John, Nelly and Yours Truly will attend the National Convention the latter part of October in Corpus Christi, Texas to receive these awards. Congratulations to Broward County Council and National Representatives Capt. Bill Weiler, Bob Hein, National Public Relations Committee, and Joe Giambrone, the newly elected Area President.

Denise Hein, Editor

SAVE THE DATE

We're doing something a little different this year, having our Council Holiday Party at the beautiful and historic Cinema Paradiso on December 17th at 6:30 PM. Join us for fun, movies, silent auction and food catered by Michelle.

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