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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's been relatively quiet since my last message in "The Helmsman", and since this is the height of the hurricane season, perhaps that's a good thing!

September was proclaimed as "Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month" by the Navy League's national president Mike McGrath. Although he encouraged local councils to support the Sea Cadets throughout the year, he urged special emphasis during September. His letter reminded us that the NSCC is sponsored exclusively by the Navy League, and that "the training and education provided to the cadets prepare them well for whatever career path they choose", and "the discipline, core values, and team work they learn will form the basis of their lives as future citizens and leaders in their communities".

Thus, it was more than appropriate that our September Dinner continued our tradition of honoring the Sea Cadets. Members of our own Alan Starr's Spruance Division entertained us with stories about their experiences and exploits from their summer training. These fine young leaders of tomorrow provided informative, amusing, frequently humorous tales that were enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Alan for his inspirational leadership, and to the Sea Cadets who also did an outstanding job serving as our Color Guard for the evening.

I'd like to remind all of our members of some upcoming events. For those that want to support our local Sea Service Commands and enjoy a good time, the Coast Guard's "Guardians' Gala" will be held on October 3rd at Jungle Island. It's a great venue that's an easy drive, almost entirely on the "freeway system". I encourage you to support this event, which is for the benefit of all of our local Coast Guard Commands. The Navy Ball, sponsored by SOUTHCOM, will be held at the Signature Gardens in Miami on the 17th of October. Those of us that attended last year's Ball had a great time, so I encourage you to try to attend. For more details, contact any BOD member. Also, we have just received word that a Royal Canadian ship will be visiting Port Everglades from the 19th thru the 23rd. It is anticipated that the All Hands Party will be at Briny's on Monday, the 19th.....standby for more details. Finally, our annual "Oktoberfest" will again be at "Old Heidelberg" on the 15th.

Hope to see you all there!

Bill Weiler

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OCTOBER DINNER SOCIAL

When - Thursday, October 15th

Where - Old Heidelberg
900 SW 24th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Time - 6:30 pm Cocktails
7:15 pm Dinner

Dinner Choices
7 Menu Selections

Cost - \$30.00 per person

Reservations to: Anita Carmell by October 5th
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Any group of 20 or more members of the council in good standing shall have the privilege of nominating a candidate for any of the elective offices by submitting the name of the nominee in writing to the secretary of the council prior to the first of November.

NOSC MIAMI MARINES RECOGNIZED

Community Affiliates



Al Stein presents plaques, certificates and checks to Sgt. Alexander Calejo, Reserve Marine of the Year and Sgt. Akbell Cevallos, Active Marine of the year at a Promotion Ceremony at NOSC Miami 30 August 2009.

Picture by: Shelly Stein

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SHIP GREETINGS AND EVENTS

Anticipated visit of Canadian Ship October 19th to 23rd. Watch for more details.

News from the Sea Services

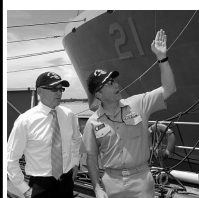


Chief of Naval Air Training Rear Admiral Mark D. Guadagnini, USN, was relieved by Rear Admiral William G. Sizemore II at a Change of Command Ceremony held 24 September 2009. RADM Guadagnini will be assigned to Carrier Strike Group, Everett, Washington.

LITTLE CREEK, VA (NNS) -- More than 300 Sailors and embarked Marines aboard the Harpers Ferry-class dock landing ship USS Oak Hill (LSD 51) returned home Aug. 21 after nearly three months of operations in support of Southern Partnership Station (SPS) 2009.



NORFOLK, VA. (NNS) The guided-missile frigate USS Carr (FFG 52) returns to the pier at Naval Station, Norfolk after a six-month deployment. Carr was a part of the Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility. *CDR Eric H. VerHage, USN, CO of the USS Carr (FFG 52) was Commissioning Operations Officer on board USS Higgins (DDG 76) at the time of her Commissioning in Fort Lauderdale in 1997. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jason R. Zalasky).*



AVONDALE, LA (NNS) (Aug.15 2009) CDR. Curt Jones, right, commanding officer of the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) New York (LPD 21), briefs New York Jets owner Woody Johnson before giving Johnson a tour of the ship. Johnson is the commissioning committee president for PCU New York. (U.S. Navy photo By Mass Communication Specialist 1st class Corey Lewis). *CDR Jones is the son of our own Sandra and Tom.*

CG MEMBERS GRADUATE BUD'S Two Coast Guardsmen became the first in their service to graduate from the Navy's Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training Sept. 3. The graduates, whose names have not been released, have been training since January. They still must go through another six months of training before they officially become SEALs, said Fred Martin, a spokesman for Naval Special Warfare Center in California. *Note: This may explain the grin on the face of Megan, the XO, at USCG Station Fort Lauderdale!*

CORONADO, CA (NNS) -- After 57 years of service, the longest standing helicopter squadron in Navy history, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 2 (HS-2), became the most recent squadron to transition to the MH-60S Seahawk Helicopter and changed its name to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 12 (HSC-12) during a ceremony on Naval Air Station North Island, Aug. 6.

NORFOLK, VA (NNS) -- Sailors assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Kauffman (FFG 59) completed a four-month Southern Seas 2009 deployment to Latin America Aug. 5.

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NOSC MIAMI SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BUC(SCW) Fernando A. Labrada



Hometown: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Duty Title: Assistant Officer in Charge/Senior Enlisted Advisor

Time in Navy: Since 21 October 2001

Why I joined the Navy: Following the September 11 terror attack, I felt it was my duty as an American to defend the freedoms that were threatened.

Greatest Navy accomplishment: Being selected as Chief Petty Officer in less than 8 years.

The thing I like most about my job: The trials and tribulations that a true leader must face every day.

Post Navy plans: My involvement with the Navy community will always continue.



CTR1(SW) JASON BARROW



EN1(SW) JOHN MOULTINE



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Third Quarter 2009

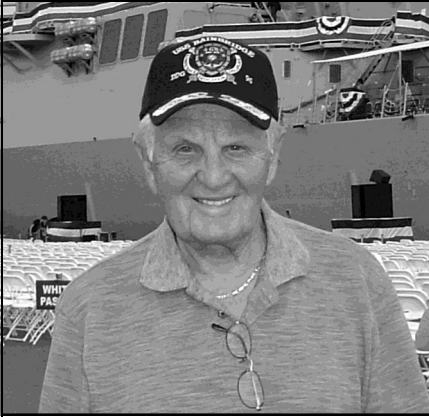
Congratulations to the Sailor of the Quarter, Junior Sailor of the Quarter, and Blue Jacket of the Quarter (left to right) of the USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55).

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Captain George H. Baldwin, USN (Ret)



Capt. George H. Baldwin, USN (Ret.) and Fellow Navy Leaguer of the Boca-Delray Council NLUS passed away in September.

George was a long time supporter of the Navy League as President of his Council, National Director, mover and shaker and builder of the Boca Delray Council, but always willing to work with other Councils and Broward Navy Days, Inc. His most effort and enjoyment was with the Sea Cadets sponsored by the Boca Delray Council.

George will live on in our hearts and always be remembered for his winning smile and gentle ways.

Photo by: Mr. Terry Morkert

KEY WEST COUNCIL CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY



John Koenig, Edward Knight, Jim Flenner & Norman Wood, Sr.

On September 11, 2009, the Key West Council celebrated the 50th anniversary of their Navy League charter. Council President Stanley Rzad welcomed over 100 guests which included family members of some of the 72 founding members. In attendance were four of the five living charter members: James Flenner, Edward Knight, John Koenig, and Norman Wood Sr. Walter Price was also honored but could not be in attendance.

Board members Joe and Marianne Giambrone attended the dinner which was held at the Trumbo Point Naval Station. The guest speaker was Captain Steven Holmes, Commanding Officer, NAS Key West, who spoke of the importance of the partnership between NAS and the Key West Council.

The Council also remembered the 8th anniversary of 9-11. CDR James Olive recalled that day in 2001 and the role the Coast Guard played in getting civilians out of Manhattan.

The evening ended with a toast to the next 50 years of the Key West Council.

By Marianne Giambrone

QUEENFISH: A Cold War Tale



Atop the globe, the icy surface of the Arctic Ocean has remained relatively peaceful. But its depths have boiled with intrigue, no more so than in the cold war.

Although the superpowers planned to turn those depths into an inferno of exploding torpedoes and rising missiles, the brotherhood of submariners – the silent service, both Russian and American – has worked hard over the decades to keep the particulars of those plans hush-hush.

Now, a few secrets are spilling through a crack in the wall of silence, revealing some of the science and spying that went into the doomsday reparations.

A new book, “*Unknown Waters*,” recounts the 1970 voyage of a submarine, the Queenfish, on a pioneering dive beneath the ice pack to map the Siberian continental shelf. The United States did so as part of a clandestine effort to prepare for Arctic submarine operations and to win any military showdown with the Soviet Union.

In great secrecy, moving as quietly as possible below treacherous ice, the Queenfish, under the command of Captain Alfred S. McLaren, mapped thousands of miles of previously uncharted seabed in search of safe submarine routes. It often had to maneuver between shallow bottoms and ice keeps extending down from the surface more than 100 feet, threatening the sub and the crew of 117 men with ruin.

Another danger was that the sub might simply be frozen in place with now way out and no way to call for help as food and other supplies dwindled.

The Queenfish at one point became stuck in a dead end. The rescue took an hour and tense backtracking out of what had threatened to become an icy tomb.

By: William J. Broad

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MEMORANDUM

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From: *R.M. Kerlin*
R. M. Kerlin, CAPT
CG Airsta Miami

To: President, Broward County Navy League

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. It is with great pleasure that I extend my deepest appreciation for the outstanding support that the Broward County Navy League provided to Air Station Miami in 2008 and continues to provide in 2009.

2. The quality and number of events hosted or sponsored by your wonderful staff has been a blessing and benefit to the men and women of Air Station Miami. The social gatherings, holiday meals, picnics, parties, gifts, personal awards and recognitions that you have sponsored provided many fulfilling, enriching memories and built solid friendships throughout the local community. Your organization's generosity and thoughtfulness communicated to my officers and enlisted that our Nation's Coast Guard and military personnel are valued and appreciated by their fellow citizens.

3. Thank you again for the effort and hospitality graciously extend to Air Station Miami, South Florida Coast Guard units and visiting naval ships. Please accept the enclosed Air Station Miami plaque in recognition of your superior support and as a testament to the dedication and service of the Broward County Navy League.

Commands Directed to Maintain Strengthen Comms with IAs

NORFOLK (NNS) The Navy has more than 10,000 Sailors currently serving as Individual Augmentees (IAs) in various roles around the world, and another 1,200 in the training pipeline.

With such a significant and ever changing audience, the Navy recognized the need for every command to have an essential communication link between the command, the IA Sailor and their families before, during and after an IA tour.

U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF), the Executive Agent for the Individual Augmentee Continuum, directed all commands to designate a Command Individual Augmentee Coordinator (CIAC). The CIAC's job is to be the command's IA subject matter expert and ensure their Sailors meet all requirements for IA deployment. The CIAC also enters the Sailor's and their family members' important information into Navy Family Accountability Access System (NFAAS). The CIAC stays in contact with the member and their family throughout the entire IA process.

"We have a program where we speak to our IAs at a minimum once a month," said Chief Storekeeper (AW/SW) Henry Milton, Command Individual Augmentee Coordinator (CIAC) aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). "We contact them along with [their] departmental leading chief petty officer. So between all of us, our members are contacted often."

The CIAC position must be designated in writing by the commanding officer and may be filled by active duty or civilian employee. The CIAC guidelines require a minimum of one CIAC per command and recommended rank of E-7 or above.

"It is preferred for the CIAC to have been on an IA whenever possible," said Glenda Arrington, USFF head, IA Sailor and Family Health and Welfare.

"When I returned from my IA in September last year, [USS Harry S. Truman] did not have a [CIAC] program so we started it up from scratch," said Milton. "We received guidance from U.S. Fleet Forces Command and from the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center and our admin officer aboard Truman."

"It's positive reinforcement. Before a Sailor departs we talk to them and when they return, we do the same thing," said Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Allen R. Walker, III, command master chief of USS Harry S. Truman. "This is one of the reasons our IA process works so well here."

Throughout the Navy, commands support Sailors and their families with the CIAC program, before, during, and after IA deployment.

"We are not forgetting about our 20 Sailors on IA from Assault Craft Unit 4," said Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW) Randy Searcy, ACU- 4 operations leading chief petty officer. "The biggest thing is letting our IA Sailors know we are here to support them, and we stay in contact with their families letting them know we are here if they need us."

A highly engaged and proactive CIAC is the key to a positive IA experience by providing consistent and comprehensive support throughout the process.

"The CIAC is important because they are the key player between the Sailor, the command and the family," said Arrington. "The CIAC ensures the entire IA continuum is a success."

USFF is dedicated to continually educating commands, Sailors and CIACs on the entire IA process. The goal is to standardize CIAC readiness through education and shared experiences. More information on the CIAC program is available for both IA Sailors and commands on the newly designed IA webpage, <http://www.ia.navy.mil/>. You may also visit <http://www.cffc.navy.mil/> to learn more about Individual Augmentees.

*By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Bleu Moore,
U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs*



NORFOLK, Va. (Aug. 11, 2007) - An Individual Augmentee (IA) attached to Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion (NPDB) 2, kisses the top of her son's head as she is welcomed to Naval Station Norfolk, Va., by friends and family.

About 280 members of NPBD 2 returned home after completing a 16-month deployment, which included a year in Iraq where they guarded 19,000 detainees at Camp Bucca. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class John M. Stratton .

Navy Accepts Delivery of Future USS Dewey

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy officially accepted delivery of the future USS Dewey (DDG 105) Aug. 17 from Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding (NGSB) during a ceremony in Pascagoula, Miss.

In June, the guided-missile destroyer completed a combined builder's and acceptance trial, also called "super trials," after spending three days in the Gulf of Mexico.

"This is the second DDG we've delivered this summer," said Capt. Pete Lyle, DDG 51 class program manager in the Navy's Program Executive Office, Ships (PEO Ships). "That's really a testament to the benefits of serial production."

"The future USS Dewey is the 57th destroyer in the Arleigh Burke class and is scheduled to be commissioned in December. Designated DDG 105, the new destroyer honors Adm. George Dewey who is best known for his valor during the U.S. victory in the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish- American War.

DDG 51 class destroyers are the most advanced, state-of-the-art warships built in the world. These destroyers are equipped with the Navy's Aegis Combat System, the world's foremost integrated naval weapon system. The ship is able to conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis management, to sea control and power projection. USS Dewey is capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously and possesses multiple offensive and defensive weapons systems designed to support maritime warfare.

PEO Ships is responsible for the development and acquisition of U.S. Navy surface ships and is currently managing the design and construction of a wide range of ship classes and small boats and craft. These platforms range from major warships, such as front line surface combatants and amphibious assault ships to air-cushioned landing craft, oceanographic research ships and special warfare craft. PEO Ships has delivered 33 major warships and hundreds of small boats and craft from more than 30 shipyards and boat builders across the United States.



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