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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is winding down and we are preparing for another "season". I hope those of you who left the area to visit family and friends, or just to get away from the heat, had a great time. Welcome back!

For those of you that didn't make it to the June dinner, you missed a great speaker. Iraq and Afghanistan veteran LTC Allen West, US Army (Ret), gave a presentation on foreign intrusion and global politics that was extremely well received by the 80 plus attendees. My thanks to LTC West!

Over the 4th of July weekend, we had the opportunity to serve as host council for the RFA Fort George. They held a small reception in their wardroom, and we hosted an All Hands Party at Briny's Riverfront. Although I was in Hawaii during the visit and unable to attend, all reports were that both events were well received and great fun.

July also saw the meeting of the Florida Region Nominating Committee in Orlando. Joe Gimabrone, Bob Hein, and I had the privilege of participating, and our council was honored to have Joe nominated to serve as South Florida Area President, while Bob and I, along with Marianne as an alternate, were nominated as National Directors.

Finally, and most importantly, we were notified in July that we were again chosen as one of only 11 "Outstanding Councils" world wide. Selected for the second consecutive year, this honor is a tribute to all of our members, and especially those of you that have stepped forward and participated. I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Bob Hein as our PAO Director (responsible for publicity and news releases, etc.), Marianne Giambrone, who creates and submits our Annual Report and Council Scrap Book, and Phyllis Bannister who puts together this newsletter. Since these areas are very heavily weighted, I would like to offer my personal thanks, and the thanks of the entire Council, to the three of you. Well Done!

I hope to see you all at our September Dinner on the 17th, and as always, thanks for your support!

Bill Weiler

CAPT G. William Weiler, USN (Ret.)
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SEPTEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

When - Thursday, September 17, 2009
Where - Tropical Acres

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

Program: Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Spruance Division
Summer Experiences

Dinner Choices
Prime Rib or Baked Boston Scrod

Cost - \$30.00 per person

Reservations to: Anita Carmell by September 7th
bcnavyleague@yahoo.com or 954-473-1071

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS TEAM IN ACTION



Bob Marks, Vice President for Legislative Affairs, briefs Congressman Ron Klein as part of the Navy League's "Grassroots Program" to gain Congressional support for a **300 ship navy**. He is accompanied by his support team of Erwin Sefton, board member, and his wife Joan along with Bob Hein, past council president and current national director.

**JUNE DINNER MEETING
HONORS SAILORS OF THE YEAR
PRESIDENT BILL WEILER, USN (RET.) PRESENTS CERTIFICATES AND CHECKS**



President, Captain Bill Weiler, USN (Ret) and guest speaker Lt. Col. Allen West, USA (Ret)



BU1 Fernando A. Labrada, USN, Selected Reserve Sailor of the Year, NOSC Miami with his wife.



BM2 Timothy Myerson, his parents and Lt. Douglas D. Watson, CO, USCG Station Ft. Lauderdale. Timothy's parents flew in from CA as a special surprise for their son.



PS2 Larry R. Carpenter, USN, Active Duty Sailor of the Year, NOSC Miami and LCDR Brett P. Bormann, USN, CO NOSC Miami

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Robert and Carol Oldham, Tom and Sara Flood, John Urina, Chief Janette Chandler,



Henry "Hank" C. Petri
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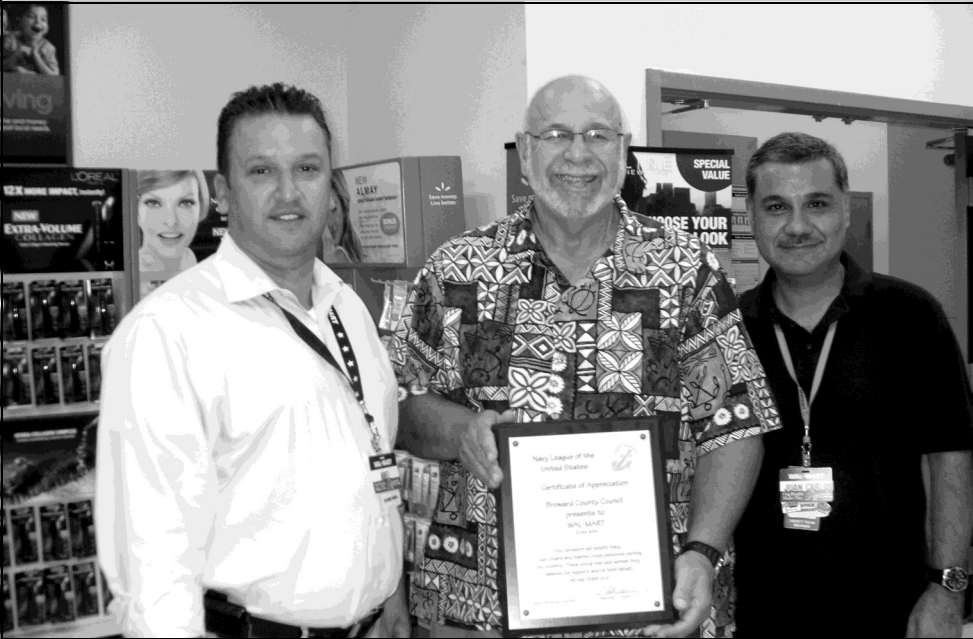
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WAL*MART DONATES COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Affiliates



Abel Gonzalez, Store Manager, Alan Stein and Juan-Carlos Tejerina, Community Grant Coordinator

Alan Stein presented plaques to the Manager and Community Coordinator of Sawgrass Mills Wal*Mart and Sandi Falzone Community Coordinator of Cooper City Wal*Mart to thank them for their Community Grants.

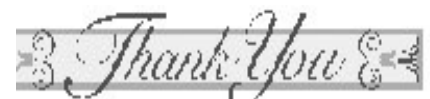


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SHIP GREETINGS AND EVENTS

No Ships are scheduled for visits.

AIR STATION MIAMI SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Electricians Mate Third Class

Charles L. Polkey

Charles has also been selected the enlisted person of the quarter

Hometown: Mobile, AL

Duty Title: Electricians Mate

Time in CG: Three and half years

Why I joined the CG: To improve my life and to honor my grandfather by joining the service.

Greatest CG accomplishment: The refurbishing of multiple areas throughout the base. (New gym, Supply Training Room, Volleyball Court, Fixed Wing Maintenance Control Space, and many small shops improvements and projects.)

Goal to achieve before leaving the CG: I am working on completing a college degree, my journeymen's license, and would like to retire as a Chief or higher.

Post CG plans: Start and run my own electrical company.

The thing I like best about my CG job: All the wisdom passed down to me from my shipmates, and the privilege to teach others new skills so they understand "how it works".



USS BATAAN (LHD 5)

SAILORS OF THE 3RD QUARTER

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW) Ingrid Cortez

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jhavon Trott

Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class (AW/SW) Alexander Ceballo

Boatswain's Mate Seaman Isabel Pericon



USS BATAAN (LHD 5)

SAILORS OF THE 2nd QUARTER

Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Kelly M. Adams

Master-At-Arms 2nd Class (SW/AW) Michael Mattocks

Air Traffic Controller 1st Class (AW/SW) Alicia Mendoza

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HMS Fort George Visits Port Everglades

The British Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Fort George came into Port Everglades July 1, 2009 and stayed to participate in July 4th celebrations. The Fort George supplies the fleet and assists in disasters. She carries 20 thousand tons of fuel to resupply other ships in addition to food and medical supplies. She will be on hurricane duty for the season in the Caribbean, ready and able to offer assistance when needed.

Representatives of area councils were treated to an enjoyable evening at an onboard reception. Our Council hosted an All Hands party at Briny's Riverfront Restaurant which provided a perfect opportunity to share good will with our British allies and to enjoy good food and music. A birthday cake and party the next day helped celebrate the birthday of the ship's Executive Officer CDR Andrew Armstrong.

By: Tom Jones - Photos by Bob Hein



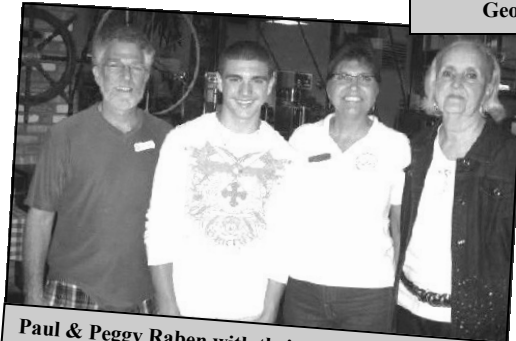
3rd Officer Phil Fuller, Erwin Sefton, Tom Jones



George Reeves & Janette Chandler



Joe Giambrone, Chief Engineer Capt. Dave Hall, George Reeves



Paul & Peggy Raben with their son and Delores Fink



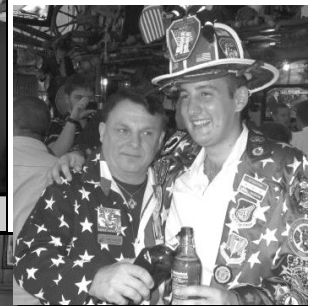
Bob Marks, Denise



Cadet Charlotte Pinder, Bob Hein, Janette Chandler



Tom & Sandra Jones, Rosa & George Reeves



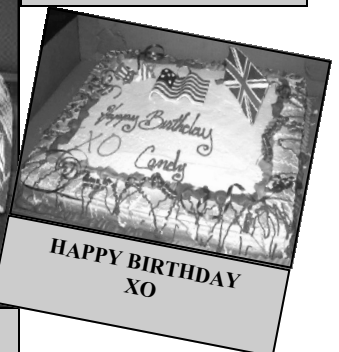
Ernie Gorwood & 3rd Officer



Joe Millsaps (BND), 2nd Officer Alex Cook, Chief Officer Andy Armstrong, Aileen Brennan (Briny's Irish Pub) George Reeves (BCCNLU) Chuck Black (FTLCNLU)



Pat Nagle, Denise Hein, Delores & Jack Fink, Chuck Nagle



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
XO

News from the Sea Services

LT. Brian Kipp, USN replaced LCDR, Vidal Valentin, USN as XO, NOSC Miami 30 June 2009.



MANAMA, Bahrain (July 27, 2009) Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander, U.S. Central Command, addressed Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) during the ship's port visit to Bahrain. Petraeus thanked Sailors for their hard work while deployed to U.S. 5th Fleet as well as their role in the successful rescue of Richard Phillips, the Maersk Alabama captain held captive by Somali pirates for five days in April. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Nathan Schaeffer)

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- A keel laying ceremony for Pre-Commissioning Unit America (LHA 6) was held July 17 at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding's Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss. The keel was authenticated by ship's sponsor Lynne Pace, the wife of retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace, who confirmed that the keel was truly and fairly laid.



MAYPORT, FL (July 14, 2009) Gen. Douglas Fraser, commander, U.S. Southern Command speaks with a member of the search and seizure team of the guided-missile frigate USS McInerney (FFG 8) during a tour of the ship. Fraser received tours and briefs about Fire Scout, the guided-missile frigate USS McInerney (FFG 8), and U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet during his first visit to his Naval component command since becoming commander of U.S. Southern Command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Holly Boynton)



SUEZ CANAL, (June 20, 2009) The multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) prepares to pass under the Friendship Bridge during her transit through the Suez Canal. Bataan is conducting maritime security operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Shamus O'Neill/Released)

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RECEPTION FOR OUTGOING NATIONAL PRESIDENT



J. Michael McGrath and Mrs. Gloria McGrath



Patricia DuMont, National Vice President NLUS
Presents Mike and Gloria tokens of appreciation of their service

On Saturday evening, 1 August 2009, approximately 60 Navy Leaguers from over the state gathered at the Tower Club to honor the NLUS President J. Michael McGrath and his wife Gloria for their service to the Navy League for the past two years. McGrath will be leaving the Presidency at the 2009 National Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas 27 October - 1 November 2009. Broward County Council President Bill Weiler and his wife, Karen, headed a group of six other council members for this very special evening.

Photos by: Ray Brasted

HOLLYWOOD HERE COMES THE US NAVY



Sailors aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) witnessed some movie magic during the filming of some scenes for an upcoming feature film on board the amphibious assault ship July 19-21. A production crew from Bandito Brothers Productions, backed by Legendary Pictures, embarked Bonhomme Richard for the first few days of the ship's composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX) to shoot some supporting scenes for a film about naval special warfare, tentatively titled "I Am That Man."

"I Am That Man" is scheduled for release in IMAX theaters in the fall of 2010.

*By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Marcus Stanley,
USS Bonhomme Richard Public Affairs*

SOUTHCOM HOSTS CHANGE OF COMMAND



Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. James E. Cartwright, left, hands over the colors of the U.S. Southern Command to Gen. Douglas Fraser during a change of command ceremony in Miami on June 25

THANK YOU E-MAIL FROM AFGHANISTAN

Good Morning Sir. [Al Stein]

Thank You very much for the care package. It was perfect timing. Temperatures are getting ridiculously hot and hard to stay hydrated. I shared the things in the package with my shop. Everyone was thankful. The package arrived about two or three days ago because the weather was so bad with sandstorms that they could not fly in the mail from Bahrain. It came in with thousands of pounds of mail. We hadn't received mail for about a week and a half. It was like Christmas. Well I have to get to work now but once again Thank You very much not just from me but from my entire unit.

Semper Fidelis,
LCPL Osorio, Andres

MIAMI - An Air Force general took the helm Thursday of U.S. military operations in Latin American and the Caribbean. Gen. Douglas Fraser replaces Navy Adm. James Stavridis at Southern Command and said he would build on his predecessor's efforts to develop cooperative relationships with militaries throughout the region. Fraser is the first Air Force officer to lead SouthCom.

Fraser, who was promoted to four-star rank this week, had been deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii since April 2008. He previously led the Alaskan Command, which oversees all military units in Alaska. His other assignments have included commanding a fighter squadron in the Pacific and staff positions at Air Force headquarters and in the office of the secretary of defense. He is a 1975 Air Force Academy graduate and a command pilot with more than 2,700 flying hours, primarily in F-15s and F-16s.

By Jennifer Kay - The Associated Press

Photo by: Alan Diaz The Associated Press



The hospital ship, USNS Comfort, successfully completed its four-month humanitarian and civic assistance tour, "Continuing Promise" in July. The ship visited seven countries and treated over one hundred thousand patients in Latin America and the Caribbean before stopping in Fort Lauderdale on their way home to Baltimore. The visit was short, and no formal tours were planned but the Steins were able to deliver 5 boxes of books. Several BCNL members, who attended the All Hands reception (hosted by Broward Navy Days) were fortunate to receive an invitation to accompany one of the officers on a tour of this amazing ship. After meeting some of the crew and learning more details about the aid they provided, everyone left the ship as a very proud American!

By: Tom Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS

GUARDIANS' GALA
Tribute to the USCG Auxiliary,
Celebrating 70 Years of Service
Saturday, 3 October 2009
Jungle Island
1111 Parrot Jungle Trail
Miami Florida
7:00 pm - 12:00 am
www.thesfcga.com

NAVY BALL
A Legacy of Service to Country & Community
Saturday, 17 October 2009
Cocktail Hour 6:00 pm
Signature Gardens
12725 SW 122nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33186
www.maiminavyball.com
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George Reeves, Membership Chair
John Kiefer, New Member Chair

Thank you!

COUNCIL MEMBERS ASSUME NATIONAL OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Nominating Committee for the Navy League of the United States - Florida Region met in Orlando in July. The Council's stars came shining through with Joe Giambrone being selected as the South Florida Area President; Bill Weiler selected as a National Director; Bob Hein reelected as a National Director and Marianne Giambrone selected as an alternate National Director.

As Area President, Joe will be responsible for supervising all South Florida council programs and activities and will serve as a liaison between the Florida Region President and the local Council Presidents. In addition to our Council, Boca Delray, Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, Key West, Miami and Palm Beach comprise the South Florida Area. Total membership for these seven Councils is over 1,300. Joe's responsibilities will include visiting each Council at least once a year, increasing communications between Councils, and establishing relationships with military commands.

Joe, Bill and Bob will officially be sworn in at the National Convention in October.

By: Marianne Giambrone