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FLEET WEEK 2010 *** NAVY SHIPS ARRIVING!**

Thousands of sailors arrived at Port Everglades on a rainy Monday for the start of Fleet Week. Ships participating this year were: The **USS Independence** (LCS 2) littoral combat ship; The **USS Iwo Jima** (LHD 7) amphibious assault ship; The **USS Newport News** (SSN 750) fast attack sub; The **USS Porter** (DDG 78) guided missile destroyer; The **USS Halyburton** (FFG 40) guided missile frigate; The **USCGC Key Biscayne** (WPB 1339) multi-mission patrol boat and The **FGS Hessen** (F 221) frigate from Germany.

Thanks to Bobby Raskin of Maritime Art by BobbyR who was able to get these great photos of the ships arriving in Port Everglades thanks to the Port Everglades Pilot Association.



USS IWO JIMA LHD-7



USS INDEPENDENCE LCS-2



USS PORTER DDG-78



USS NEWPORT NEWS SSN-750

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FLEET WEEK ACTIVITIES

Fleet Week officially kicked off on Monday, April 26. The Official Ship Greeting was held at the Bluepoint Ocean Grill located at the Paradise Shops at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood. RADM Tim Alexander USN, US Commander of the Navy Region Southeast, RADM Michelle Howard, USN Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Two and many of the ships' officers attended the event along with invited Navy League members and local dignitaries. The "All Hands on Deck" Welcoming Party, featuring a free Navy Band concert, kicked off immediately following the Official Ship Greeting. Sailors filled the Hard Rock Live arena for free food and drink. Then many poured out in the Hard Rock restaurant and bar area to continue the festivities.



George Reeves, RADM Michelle Howard and Joe Giambrone

Sailors assigned to the USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) visited with a young patient in the pediatric ward at Chris Everett Children's Hospital. Board member Ernie Gorwood accompanied the sailors to the hospital.



Civilians were able to pre-register to take tours of visiting ships and over 9,000 took advantage of this opportunity. Tours began on Tuesday, April 27, and ran through Sunday, May 2. This was the first year that evening and weekend tours were available. Retired veterans, local Sea Cadets, elementary school students, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and local Naval Junior Recruiting Officer Training Corps cadets were just some of the many groups that came on board. Many Council members as well as employees from Holland America Cruises helped to check in the visitors. The Council used this opportunity to talk about the Navy League and to distribute copies of *SeaPower* as well as membership applications.



Board member Bob Hein at the membership information table

The damage control team from the USS Iwo Jima took first place at the 10th Annual Damage Control (DC) Olympics. The event tested the knowledge, skills and readiness of each service member in a series of realistic DC scenarios. The event was coordinated by Resolve Marine Group, Inc., a company that trains service members as well as commercial ships and cruise lines in shipboard firefighting and damage control. Resolve Marine is one of the Council's community affiliates.



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On Tuesday, April 27, a Junior Officers Party was held at Briny's Riverfront Irish Pub and Restaurant, one of the Council's community affiliates. More than 130 junior officers and numerous Navy Leaguers and local citizens enjoyed the evening. There was complimentary food for all in attendance, drinks, music and dancing.

Officers from the USCGC Key Biscayne and Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale arrived for the party via the New River.



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Many civilians enjoyed tours of the German Frigate FGS Hessen F-221 during the week. On Wednesday, April 28, Council members were among the guests that were invited aboard the ship for the Celebrity Chef's luncheon, an event that places local area chefs alongside the ships' chefs to prepare fantastic meals. On Thursday, April 29, over 200 invited guests enjoyed an evening reception aboard the ship. CDR Dirk Gaertner FGRN and his crew provided what some members called the best reception they had ever attended.

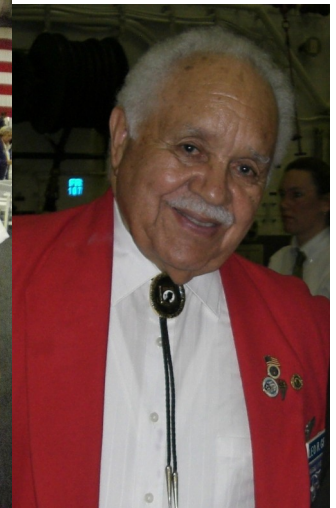
On Thursday, April 29, the Boca Delray Council hosted the Enlisted Persons of the Year Banquet at Hugh's Culinary. Enlisted Persons from each of the ships as well as the Second Marine Division and Naval Beach Group Two were honored. Members of our Council joined members of Boca and Fort Lauderdale Councils to congratulate these fine young men and women on their accomplishments.



Photos: (top) FGS Hessen
(middle) Cdr. Dirk Gaertner, Captain with Chef from Cafe Seville and Council President George Reeves at Celebrity lunch
(bottom) Erwin Sefton with Cdr Gaertner

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The highlight of the week's activities was the reception onboard the USS Iwo Jima on Friday, April 30. Almost 1,000 invited guests enjoyed the hanger bay festivities as well as numerous static displays on the flight deck. The guest speaker was Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Gary Roughead, USN. Michael Fortunato, Postmaster of Fort Lauderdale, made a special presentation of the Distinguished Sailor stamps to CNO Roughead, Captain Jeff Amick, USN, captain of the USS Iwo Jima and South Florida Area President Joe Giambrone. The event was attended by local mayors, Congressman Ron Klein, congressional hopeful Alan West and numerous Iwo Jima vets.



VETS ENJOY THE RECEPTION:

TOP LEFT: WWII Vet
TOP RIGHT: Tuskegee
Airman LTC Leo Gray
LEFT: Iwo Jima Vet



Bill and Karin Weiler with Capt Mark Genung USN, Chief of Staff, Expeditionary Strike Group Two



ABOVE: John and Nelly Kiefer with RADM Michelle Howard and Bob Hein



Joe Giambrone with Florida Region President Bill Dudley



Marianne Giambrone with CNO Gary Roughead

BELOW: Group from DAV Gold Coast Chapter #133

Rosa and George Reeves, Sandra Jones and Nellie Kiefer



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Kindergarten students from Silver Ridge Elementary School in Davie dressed in red, white and blue and gave a heroes' welcome to the visiting sailors from the USS Halyburton. They then presented a wonderful patriotic program of songs. Some children read heartwarming letters which they presented to the visitors. Sailors returned to their ship with a HUGE collection of hand sanitizers, drink mixes and snacks donated by students.



Alexander "Sandy" Nininger State Veterans Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines was one of the many stops for visiting sailors. Both young and old veterans enjoyed sharing stories of their military careers.



Sailors from the USS Halyburton helped out needy South Florida families by working on homes for Habitat for Humanity. Sailors spent the day installing insulation, tiling, digging and painting the interior and exterior of several houses. Mary Lou Bowman-Cubbin of Habitat for Humanity said the sailors' work will help move along this 3-year project which consists of 30 homes in what will be a "green" community. Navy League volunteers accompanied the sailors to the work site and purchased lunch for them.



RADM Michelle Howard, commander of Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 2, with Mary Lou Bowman Cubbin



Chief Gas Turbine System Technician Gregory Reynolds paints at the Habitat for Humanity site

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Cub Scout Pack 7 / Boy Scout Troop 7 Coral Gables enjoyed a tour aboard the USS Iwo Jima



Denise Hein learns how to operate the PAC BOT, a small robot used in disarming IED's



**Broward Sheriff's Office - Police Athletic League
U.S.S. IWO JIMA
April 29, 2010**

ABOVE: Over 1,100 JROTC cadets had the opportunity to tour and have lunch on the USS Iwo Jima

BELOW: Jennifer Gottlieb, Chairperson of the Broward County School Board with Captain Jeff Amick USN, Commanding Officer, USS Iwo Jima and RADM Michelle Howard USN

A group of children from the Police Athletic League of the Broward Sheriff's Office enjoyed their tour of the Iwo Jima



Cub Scout Pack 441 aboard the USS Iwo Jima

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Photo ABOVE: Bob Hein enjoys the evening reception aboard the FGS Hessen

Photo BELOW: Teams of ships' chefs competed against each other during Galley Wars held at Hugh's Culinary. Team from USS Porter was declared winner.



Daniel Zacharias of the FGS Hessen and the crew of the Country Cookin caught a 132 lb hammerhead shark during the Take A Hero Fishing Tournament on Friday, April 30. Thanks to the owners and captains of 38 local boats, over 100 sailors had the opportunity to go fishing, some for the first time.



At the reception on the Iwo Jima, Fort Lauderdale Postmaster Mike Fortunato presented Distinguished Sailor Stamp artwork to thank the Navy League for their efforts during Fleet Week.

Joe Giambrone, South Florida Area President, accepted the piece on behalf of all local Councils

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NAVY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BROWARD COUNTY COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE of the UNITED STATES

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SPOUSE'S NAME _____
(if also joining)

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SPONSOR NAME AND MEMBER ID: _____

NAVY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE:

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|----------------------------------|--------------|---|
| ___ ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP | \$100 | (National dues of \$50 + local dues of \$50) |
| ___ TWO YEAR MEMBERSHIP | \$140 | (National dues of \$90 + local dues of \$50) |
| ___ THREE YEAR MEMBERSHIP | \$175 | (National dues of \$125 + local dues of \$50) |
| ___ LIFE MEMBERSHIP | \$550 | (National dues of \$500 + local dues of \$50) |
| ___ HUSBAND/WIFE MEMBERSHIP | \$170 | (National dues of \$85 + local dues of \$85) |
| ___ HUSBAND/WIFE LIFE MEMBERSHIP | \$835 | (National dues of \$750 + local dues of \$85) |
| ___ SPOUSE OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER | \$30 or \$80 | (spouse + local dues of \$50) |

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