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JUNE 2010

NAVY

MARINE CORPS

COAST GUARD

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JUNE DINNER SOCIAL

MAY DINNER SOCIAL

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE

Tuesday , June 8, 2010

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale

Cocktails at 6:30 PM Dinner at 7:15 PM

Guest Speaker will be Joe Millsaps
Broward Navy Days
Recap of Fleet Week 2010

Dinner Choices: Prime Rib or Shrimp Scampi

Cost: \$35 for non-local dues paying members
\$30 for local dues paying members

Make your reservation by June 3, 2010

Send an email to bcnavyleague@yahoo.com or
Call Joan Sefton at 954-753-2322

OTHER JUNE EVENTS

June 27 – Navy League Day at the Marlins vs. Padres game. Join other Navy League members for a day in a luxury Legends Club 2 Suite with private bar and buffet lunch. Bus leaves Sea Cadet Headquarters in Fort Lauderdale at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$110 per person. For more information, contact Mack Madzinski at 954-584-0851 or madzinski@aol.com

June 27 – Lunch and tour aboard the Celebrity Solstice to benefit the operations of the Military Hospitality Lounge at Miami International Airport. Reservations must be made by June 11. Cost is \$50 per person. For more information, call 954-370-3923 or email joe@afsc.com.

Mark Noah, founder of History Flight, was the guest speaker at the May dinner social and enlightened the group on the number of WWII servicemen considered missing in action. He presented information regarding the research and recovery expeditions conducted by History Flight in the South Pacific, specifically Tarawa. Mark gave detailed information and showed photos of the mass graves of the Marines at Tarawa. He also answered a multitude of questions from Council members.

Support of History Flight programs help fund the searches. To find out more, visit www.historyflight.com.



Council member and WWII Veteran Hank Petri with Mark Noah and Council President George Reeves

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fleet Week 2010 and Broward Council—The sea services highlight of the year

There were seven ships, 2,200 sailors and marines, a total of seven days replete with numerous planned activities, ship tours, community outreach visits, shipboard receptions, athletic events, lunches and dinners which honored many ranks and ratings, a fishing tournament, civil and military dignities, Marlins baseball and much more.

Congratulations to Humana Military Healthcare Services, the sponsor, and to Broward Navy Days, the organizer, with Joe Millsaps constantly on the quarterdeck. If you have an affinity for seafaring and seafarers, Broward County was the place to be. At virtually no cost.

Broward Council, as always, was well represented. We provided one third of the 95 make-the-events-go-smoothly volunteers under the tutelage of Don Bannister and Joe Giambro. Don, and Phyllis, assisted by the Heins and the Steins, manned a mini water barge at the entrance of Pier 26 where they not only directed tours to the USS IWO JIMA, but also sold bottled water, at give away prices, garnering over \$500 for our Council which covers the costs of one of our JROTC scholarships. Tom Jones, for several weeks before and after Fleet week, went deep underground and manned the Combat Information Center, electronically routing over 10,000 visitors on ship tours. And actually located them all afterwards.

Boatswain John Kiefer, after reviewing his marlinspike manual and checking the paint locker, lead a contingent of off duty sailors to several sites in Fort Lauderdale to work on Habitat projects after which John treated all to lunch. John's workday started at 0630. And no grog allowed! Joe Giambro spent the entire week supervising the check in counters at Piers 21 through 25. Peter Caspari not only helped to arrange the Fishing Tournament but also took several thousand pictures of all aspects of Fleet Week. Peter was the only one allowed to give the CNO and indeed other visiting flag officers specific orders.....which they obeyed.

The Junior Officers' Party, which your Council sponsored at Briny's Pub, attracted 135 JOs, 32 former crew members from the USS Aucilla, a decommissioned fleet oiler, combined with an excellent turnout of Council members. Briny's was rockin' as never before. Erwin Sefton took care of all arrangements, and in addition he coordinated the guest list for the outstanding reception aboard the German frigate HESSEN. Some 200 invitees attended, the evening was exceptional, and Capt. Dirk Gaertner introduced Erwin and awarded him an elegant plaque.

The Postal Service issued a commemorative set of four stamps, all depicting Navy Heroes of the past. Distinctive enlargements of the four stamps were placed in an elegant frame and awarded to the CNO and several senior officers as remembrances of Fleet Week by the Postmaster of Fort Lauderdale. Joe and Marianne Giambro arranged for his participation in the event aboard the Iwo Jima.

Senior Chief Alan Starr served as ship liaison for the well attended and wildly praised CPO reception at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, indeed an outstanding event of the Week.

I hope all Council members participated in at least a few of these great events. And if you didn't there's always next year. Get involved!



Left: Chuck Black, Fort Lauderdale Council, at Fleet Week Beach Event

Right: RADM Michelle Howard with Council Member Glenn Wiltshire on USS Iwo Jima during Fleet Week



MARITIME AND SEA SERVICE NEWS



On May 7th, family members of USS Arizona survivor Anthony Schubert joined representatives from the National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii for a private memorial ceremony and interment onboard the USS Arizona Memorial. Schubert, a veteran of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Arizona, passed away at the age of 90. The USS Arizona was Schubert's first duty station after graduating from the Naval Academy in 1940. After the ceremony, Schubert's urn was carried from the memorial to the dock area and presented to National Park Service divers, who took the urn into the open barrette of gun turret number four and proceeded down the barrette to a large open "slot" that measures approximately six inches by five feet. The urn was then placed into this slot and into the ship where Schubert will rest with his shipmates. Following the interment of the urn, Schubert's family was escorted into the Shrine Room, where they removed the black clothe to reveal his name, which is now forever etched on the interment wall. He was the thirty-third survivor who choose to be reunited with his shipmates.



The future USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109), the 58th ship of the Arleigh Burke-class, successfully completed a combined builder's and acceptance "super trial" on May 20, after spending four days at sea operating in the Atlantic Ocean. Because of the maturity of the class, the Navy holds only one round of trials on each ship prior to delivery, instead of separate builder's and acceptance trials. This "super trial" requires less time, fuel and manpower than the typical method. During the trial, Bath Iron Works and the U.S. Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey tested the ship's weapons, communications, and propulsion systems as well as conducting several other inspections including habitability, water purification and food preparation. These trials are the last significant milestone before delivery of the ship to the Navy. The future USS Jason Dunham is expected to deliver this summer and to be officially commissioned in Port Everglades in November.



The commander of U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) praised generations of U.S. merchant mariners for their contributions to the nation's defense at a ceremony attended by more than 200 people during Military Sealift Command's National Maritime Day observance at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. on May 18. National Maritime Day was established by Congress in 1933 to honor the contributions and sacrifices of U.S. merchant mariners in defense of the nation. These dedicated men and women are frequently considered the unsung heroes of the nation's defense. Commander, Military Sealift Command, Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby, hosted the event and expressed his gratitude to the thousands of civilians who crew MSC's ships. MSC, the single largest employer of U.S. merchant mariners in the world, employs more than 5,000 civil service mariners and more than 1,500 commercial mariners who work for private ship operating companies under contract to MSC. Merchant mariners have been a vital component of American sea power since

the Revolutionary War when more than 11,000 mariners died in service. Today, mariners continue to play a critical role in the nation's defense, enabling the U.S. military to operate around the world

SAILORS OF THE QUARTER—USS LEYTE GULF



USS Leyte Gulf's Sailors of the 1st Quarter 2010 from left to right are Blue Jacket of the Quarter FC3(SW) Sarah Kozic; Junior Sailor of the Quarter STG2(SW) Jason Dahl; Sailor of the Quarter FC1 (SW) Michael Sheely

The Council provides certificates and monetary awards to recognize the achievements of these outstanding sailors.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jose R. Rivera, 2501 E. Retunda Parkway, Cape Coral FL. 33904, 239-826-3881. gasman1026@gmail.com, Sponsor Janette Chandler

C. Ron Allen, 401 W. Atlantic Ave., Suite 09, DelRey Beach, FL 33444, 561-665-3881, c.roan@kopmn.org, Sponsor Janette Chandler

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Arthur M. Smith and Helen Smith, 9460 Poinciana Pl, Apt 310, Davie FL 33324, 954-473-8115, asmith2622@comcast.net, Sponsor: Bob Hein

New Community Affiliate

All Service Refuse, 751 NW 31st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale FL 33311, 954-583-1830 Sponsor: Joe Giambrone www.allserviceftlauderdale.com Members are James Woods jwoods@republicservices.com; Dale Henderson dhenderson@republicservices.com and Andrew McWeeney amcweeney@republicservices.com

All Service Refuse provides solid waste collection and disposal services for commercial and industrial customers. All Service also provides residential waste collection and recycling services to many municipalities throughout South Florida.

Community Affiliate News

Congratulations to our community affiliate Resolve Marine.

Resolve Marine Group has received the U.S. Coast Guard's approval and recognition from the International Group of P&I clubs for their OPA 1990 Vessel Response Plan Salvage (VRPs) and Marine Firefighting Funding Agreement. Resolve's Funding Agreement is the first OPA-90 mandated document of its kind to receive this combined international acceptance. Under new requirements scheduled to go into full effect in February 2011, tank vessels carrying oil as cargo must submit a revised VRP to the Coast Guard in order to operate in U.S. waters. Each VRP must be accompanied by a signed funding agreement committing a qualified salvage and marine firefighting resource provider to respond in the event that vessel suffers a casualty involving an oil spill or the substantial threat of a spill. For the past fifteen years, Resolve has extended emergency response coverage to thousands of tank vessels that carry oil in U.S. waters. Resolve Marine Group is a multi-faceted marine services company based in Fort Lauderdale with response depots in Alabama, the United Kingdom and Singapore.

COAST GUARD NEWS



Coast Guard Air Station Miami took receipt of its first HC-144A Ocean Sentry Maritime Patrol Aircraft. Arrival of the aircraft is a significant milestone in the stand-up of HC-144A operations throughout the Coast Guard. The HC-144A replaces the HU-

25 Guardian turbo-fan in performing medium-range maritime patrol missions. Air Station Miami is the second Coast Guard air station to obtain the HC-144A. Flight crews are familiarizing themselves with the unique operational characteristics, capabilities and systems of the Ocean Sentry and maintenance crews have commenced routine servicing, inspections and ground handling procedures.



A change of command ceremony was held on May 13 for the Seventh Coast Guard District commander at Air Station Miami in Opa Locka. Rear Adm. Bill Baumgartner assumed the responsibilities as the Seventh Coast Guard District commander and Director of Homeland Security Task Force-Southeast from Rear Adm. Steve Branham. Branham retired after 37 years of honorable service to the Coast Guard. Prior to assuming command of the Seventh District, Rear Admiral Baumgartner served as the Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel of the United States Coast Guard. Rear Admiral Baumgartner is a native of Collinsville, IL and a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he received Bachelor of Science degrees in Marine Engineering and Electrical Engineering. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of New Orleans and a Juris Doctor degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School where he also served as an editor on the Harvard Law Review.



A change of command ceremony was held at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington DC on May 24 for the Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. Vice Admiral David Pekoski was relieved by Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara. Admiral Thad Allen, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, presided over the event.



A change of command ceremony was held at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington DC on May 25 for the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. Admiral Thad Allen was relieved by Admiral Robert J. Papp Jr. The Honorable Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, presided over the event.

HONORING SAILORS FROM NOSC

The Council is proud to sponsor the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC). The Council recognizes the reserve and active duty sailors of the year as well as the sailors of the quarter. FTS/Active Duty Sailor of the Year MA1 Scarlet Morua and Selected Reservists of the Year Donna Wisecarver were honored at the May dinner social. Sailors of the 4th quarter 2009 and the 1st quarter 2010 were honored at NOSC's Family Day held on May 2.



Left: George Reeves presents award to Selected Reservist of the Year Donna Wisecarver



Right: George Reeves and Brett Bermann, CO of NOSC, present award to FTS/Active Duty Sailor of the Year Scarlet Morua



4th Quarter 2009 Active Duty Sailor of the Quarter— LS2 Jamie Shire



4th Quarter 2009 Reservist of the Quarter—CS1 Dorothy Bryant



4th Quarter 2009 Reservist Blue Jacket of the Quarter—HM3 Maksim Tsionskiy



1st Quarter 2010 Active Duty Sailor of the Quarter—NC2 Alrick Cole



1st Quarter 2010 Reservist Sailor of the Quarter—Ariel Guerrero



1st Quarter 2010 Active Duty Blue Jacket of the Quarter—PS2 Cameron Zbikowski

1st Quarter 2010 Reservist Blue Jacket of the Quarter—Alvaro Delapuenta



ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR— AIR STATION MIAMI

Captain Rick Kenin, Commanding Officer, and Command Master Chief Miner “Rusty” Pedersen invited Past Council Presidents Alan Starr and Bill Weiler to join them in making the presentation to the Air Station’s Enlisted Person of the Year. Alan and Bill had the unique opportunity to travel to Guantanamo Bay to present the award to SK2 Carlos Rodriguez. Rodriguez is on an Air Station special detachment to Guantanamo Bay where he is responsible for ensuring that all aircraft missions into “Gitmo”, including the special relief mission to Haiti, receive the parts and equipment necessary to complete their mission. A plaque, certificate and check were presented to SK2 Rodriguez by Bill Weiler during a presentation held at Leeward Point. SK2 Rodriguez was then taken by motor launch to Windward Point for lunch.



Above (l to r) Captain Rick Kenin, Bill Weiler, SK2 Carlos Rodriguez, CMC Rusty Pedersen, Alan Starr,

Above right (l to r) CPO Thomas, Bill Weiler, Captain Rick Kenin and CDR Downey. CPO Thomas and CDR Downey are from the Coast Guard Security Detachment, TDY from California.

Right: (l to r) Bill Weiler, SK2 Carlos Rodriguez and Alan Starr



OUTSTANDING JROTC CADETS

Each year, the Council recognizes outstanding cadets from the following JROTC units: Cooper City High School, Flanagan High School, Krop High School, NOVA High School, Stranahan High School (Marines), and Taravella High School. The outstanding senior cadet, who is selected by their commanding officer, is awarded with a \$500 scholarship check. The outstanding junior cadet is awarded a Navy League Teddy Roosevelt medal.



Alan Starr presented certificate and Teddy Roosevelt medal to Stranahan Cadet Norysbel Bruguera



George Reeves presented certificate and Teddy Roosevelt medal to NOVA Cadet Carlos Porras at May dinner



George Reeves also presented a \$500 check and certificate to NOVA Cadet Suley Guerrero

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SAILORS OF THE QUARTER USS BATAAN



USS Bataan's Sailors of the 1st Quarter 2010 from left to right are LS1(SW/AW) Daniel S. Dunham, Senior Sailor of the Quarter; DC3(SW) Jessica L. Peck, Junior Sailor of the Quarter; LSSN(SW/AW) Michael A. Furgason, Bluejacket of the Quarter

The Council provided certificates and monetary awards to recognize the achievements of these three sailors.

MARINE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



STAFF SERGEANT EDWIN W. JEAN-FRANCOIS

Detachment 4, TOW/Scout Platoon, Headquarters & Service Company
4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division - Hialeah

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

Duty Title: Platoon Sergeant

Time in the Marines: 12 years (this year)

Why I joined the Marines: (1) the challenge and (2) money for school

Most exciting/rewarding experience in the Marines: The most rewarding experience in my career was seeing the Marines that I raised from private to Corporal evolve and become strong, competent leaders who successfully led their Marines in combat.

Greatest Marine accomplishment: Being meritoriously promoted to Sergeant and successfully completing 3 combat tours.

DISTINGUISHED SAILOR OF THE YEAR



Each year, the Council honors the Distinguished Sailor of the Year from Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. The selected individual receives a certificate, award plate and monetary award. Selected this year was FS1 Dylan Caldwell. Council President George Reeves made a presentation to FS1 Caldwell at the May dinner social. Joining FS1 Caldwell in the photo are officers and other enlisted personnel from Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale and Air Station Miami.

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