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## NOVEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

Thursday , November 18, 2010

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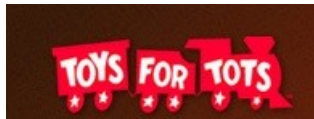
Guest Speaker will be  
Rear Admiral William D. Baumgartner

Cost: \$35 for non-local dues paying members  
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Make your reservation by November 12, 2010

Send an email to [bcnavyleague@yahoo.com](mailto:bcnavyleague@yahoo.com) or  
Call Joan Sefton at 954-753-2322

Election of 2011 Council Officers will take place



This year, the Council is participating in the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Our adopted unit, the Marine Corps Reserve Center in Hialeah, is very involved in this project and spends many hours collecting and distributing toys. In order to support their efforts, we are asking our members to consider bringing a new unwrapped toy to the dinner social.



## OKTOBERFEST



Left to Right: Bob Haab, Bill Weiler and new members Meredith and John Hanlon



Marianne Giambrone with new member Tom Carney

## NOVEMBER'S SPEAKER



Rear Admiral William D. Baumgartner serves as Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District headquartered in Miami. As District Commander, he is responsible for all Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean Basin including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and over 15,000 miles of coastline. In addition, the Seventh District shares operational borders with 34 foreign nations and territories.

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 from April 2006 to April 2010. Rear Admiral Baumgartner began his Coast Guard career in surface operations and served as the Commanding Officer of USCGC Point Verde and USCGC Penobscot Bay, as a deck officer on USCGC Dependable, and as an operations center controller for the Eighth Coast Guard District where he directed search and rescue, law enforcement and other Coast Guard operations in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to his tenure as Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel, Rear Admiral Baumgartner served as Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law, at Coast Guard Headquarters and headed the U.S. delegation to the Legal Committee of the International Maritime Organization. From 2002 to 2004, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami and as the Chief of Staff for Homeland Security Task Force Southeast, an interagency task force charged with planning for and executing Caribbean mass migration deterrence and response operations. Previous legal assignments include the Eighth Coast Guard District, in New Orleans, LA, Coast Guard Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific in Alameda, CA, and Naval Legal Service Office West in San Francisco, CA. He also served as the Chief, Inventory Management Branch at Coast Guard Supply Center Brooklyn.

Rear Admiral Baumgartner is a native of Collinsville, IL and a 1980 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're fortunate to have a prominent and unique Navy event approaching.

The Arleigh Burke class destroyer Jason Dunham arrives in Port Everglades on Friday, November 5th for her ten-day commissioning ceremonies.

You all have the schedule of events and all Council members have received an invitation in the mail to the ceremony itself which is scheduled for Friday, November 13th at 10 AM at the Port.

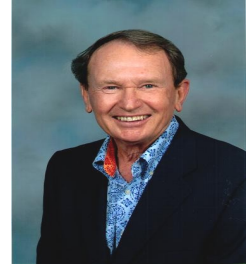
For our part, Broward County Council, together with other South Florida Councils, will host an ALL HANDS reception on Friday, November 5th at 6:00PM at Briny's Irish Pub on South Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. All are invited. It's a cash bar for all members and a light buffet is included. You all know Briny's. We always have an exciting time in a nautical atmosphere.

With the possible exception of our annual Fleet Week activities, a ship commissioning such as the honor we now have with Jason Dunham, provides us with the most meaningful, colorful and exciting seafaring event that we sea service supporters and the general public can hope to experience.

This is why the Navy League exists and why you are members.

See you all during the week.

George Reeves  
Broward County Council President



## COUNCIL WEBSITE

Have you visited the Council's website recently? If not, you are going to be pleasantly surprised.

Council member Wayne McLaren stepped up and took on the task of improving the website. He spent hours researching other Council's websites before developing the website. Once he got the framework completed, several Council members worked with Wayne to ensure he received all the data that he needed. The result is a website that is easy to navigate and contains everything any Council member—or potential member—would need to know. You can access the website at [www.bcnavyleague.org](http://www.bcnavyleague.org) or [www.browardnavyleague.org](http://www.browardnavyleague.org).

Thanks Wayne!



## COUNCIL FUNDRAISER—YARD SALE

On October 16, 2010, the Broward County Council held a yard sale to raise much needed funds. Council members and friends were very generous and donated a huge variety of items such as bicycles, glassware, holiday decorations and electronics. Several Council members gathered the night before the sale to organize and price the merchandise. On the day of the sale, Council volunteers arrived early and had to work quickly to get all the merchandise out for display as the “early birds” arrived to look through for the best bargains. Council members Al and Shelly Stein, who regularly sell books to raise funds, set up their books for sale. Many shoppers mentioned that they came to the yard sale after reading that it was a fundraiser for our Council. At the end of the day, the council raised \$800. The sale was a success due to the generosity of Council members and the hard work of the members who volunteered to work the sale. Those members were: Anita Carmell, Joe Giambone, Marianne Giambone, Bob Marks, Larry Ott, Teresa Perez, Peggy Raben, Erwin Sefton, Joan Sefton, Al Stein and Shelly Stein. Thanks to all!



*Photos:*

*Top left: Shelly Stein was ready for the sale with plenty of current hard cover and paperback books*

*Top right: Bob Marks deserves a special thanks for spending the day on Federal Highway ensuring that people spotted our sale*

*Left: Volunteers who worked the day of the sale were:*

*Back row (left to right) Al Stein, Shelly Stein, Anita Carmell, Bob Marks, Erwin Sefton and Marianne Giambone*

*Front row (left to right) Teresa Perez, Joan Sefton, Larry Ott and Peggy Raben*



## COAST GUARD EVENT

The South Florida Coast Guard Association held their third annual Guardians' Gala on Saturday, October 16. *Guardians Past and Present – A Salute to our Veterans* was attended by several Council members. It was a wonderful evening at Jungle Island in Miami.



### Photos:

*Top left: Marianne Giambrone (back) with Teresa Perez (left) and her friend Kathleen Vazquez*

*Top right: Joe Giambrone (left) shown with Captain Rick Kenin, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Miami. Captain Kenin is also the President and Director of the South Florida Coast Guard Association and served as master of ceremonies at the event.*

*Bottom left: BMCM Louis Kitchin, Seventh District Command Master Chief (left) with Phyllis and Don Bannister*

*Bottom right: Joe Giambrone gave the toast to the Navy during the event.*



## **NAVAL AIR STATION FORT LAUDERDALE MUSEUM**

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**



Did you know this wonderful museum is right in our own backyard?

The Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum is dedicated to preserving the history and memory of the Naval Air Station (presently the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport) which was located near Port Everglades during the Period of 1942-1946. Over the past several years, Broward County has demolished most of the buildings that housed the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale (NASFL) during WWII. The primary mission of the Museum's Association is to collect and preserve information, documents, books, naval art, photographs, artifacts and vintage memorabilia that were associated with NASFL, for the purpose of educating the public about the very important role that the Greater Fort Lauderdale area performed for the United States during WWII. With the help of many volunteers this Museum has been instrumental in preserving the memory of Flight 19 - The Lost Patrol, one of the great aviation mysteries. Flight 19 flew out of NASFL in 1945 to vanish into the Bermuda Triangle. In addition, a 19 year old future US President George H.W. Bush lived at NASFL as a young Ensign to train as a torpedo/bomber pilot.



This memorial, erected at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum, is dedicated to the men and women that served at Naval Air Station (NAS) Fort Lauderdale during World War II. It is also dedicated to the men of Flight 19 which disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle on December 5, 1945

### **WELCOME BACK!**

Jean Martindale, 2433 Sea Island Drive, Fort Lauderdale FL 33301, mardaluesa@aol.com, 954-761-8685

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER**

Lisa Wright, 1830 Radius Drive #415, Hollywood FL 33020-7708 954-562-5920, lmwright@yahoo.com

### **4th Quarter 2010 Membership Contest!**

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 October 1 and December 31, 2010 using the special code—PRIORITY CODE 4Q2010 - will count as one contest entry. You could even use an application that you currently have and just write the code along the top! The winner will be announced in February 2011's Council Alert and President's message. (P.S. Word on the street is that there may be more prizes added to this contest to sweeten the pot – we'll let you know soon!) Good luck!

To be eligible for the contest you must:

- Be a member of the Navy League
- Use the official Priority code 4Q20101 on an application you already have; or
- Use the membership application accompanying this newsletter
- Complete the sponsor information section
- Submit the application after October 1, 2010 and on or before December 31, 2010. Applications must be postmarked or received electronically by December 31, 2010.

The winner will be announced on February 1, 2011.

## **SLATE OF 2011 OFFICERS**

President – George Reeves

First VP – Sandra Jones

Second VP – Charles Schmidt

VP, Legislative Affairs – Robert Marks

Secretary – Teresa Perez

Treasurer – Tom Jones

JAG – Frederick "Fritz" Heidgerd



## NEWS FROM THE SEA SERVICES



The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) released his Guidance for 2011 to the fleet. Admiral Gary Roughead's CNO Guidance (CNOG) emphasizes the important issues regarding the future of naval operations. CNOG reaffirms Roughead's three focus areas: to build the future force, maintain the Navy's warfighting readiness, and develop and support Sailors, Navy civilians, and their families. In the Guidance, Roughead addresses a multitude of issues including maritime strategy, operational tempo, building and sustaining strong international relationships, maintaining a competency-based and mission-focused force and the importance of science and technology initiatives. Roughead also addressed the current challenges the Navy faces due to the resource constrained environment. "We must look at this

time as one of opportunity where boldness and innovation are the path to the future," writes Roughead. "It is up to each of us to do so."



President Obama signed into law the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010. The signing of this bill gives the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Bob Papp, authorities to make changes and operate the Coast Guard to better serve the public. "The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 provides us with authority to enhance the safety of U.S. ports and waterways, acquisition assistance to acquire state-of-the-art ships and aircraft to patrol America's waters, and tools to promote individual readiness, including improvements to our family housing and child development centers," said Adm. Papp. Finishing organizational realignment of the service means using the best processes to ensure Coast Guard men and women have the training, tools, and leadership necessary to safely and successfully fulfill our missions of maritime safety, security and stewardship. Additional authorities granted within the Act validate

the Coast Guard's decision to take control of the process to replace aging cutters and aircraft, providing the men and women in uniform with state of the art platforms to conduct Coast Guard missions. Finally, and significantly, the Act bolsters the Coast Guard's authorities when it comes to combating smugglers of people and narcotics attempting to violate U.S. territorial waters. "I could not be more pleased with this Authorization Act and want to thank the Administration and Congress for their support," said Papp. "The Act will help us remain always ready well into the future."



Sailors aboard the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) earned their engineering operational certification in October during a Unit Level Training Assessment, Engineering (ULTRA-E). Afloat Training Group (ATG) Mid-Atlantic conducted the biannual assessment, evaluating the ship's capability to self-assess and train the crew in a variety of engineering programs and casualty control proficiencies. ATG spent a total of four days ensuring each engineering program, space and capability was up to par and that each watchstander was knowledgeable and ready to perform, regardless of conditions. ULTRA-E success meant extensive preparations and hard work from the crew. Bataan has been preparing for the assessment since leaving BAE Systems' Norfolk Ship Repair in August.

Prior to ULTRA-E, Bataan completed air and amphibious warfare certifications as part of a basic training phase. The ship will continue through its certification and training cycle until fully qualifying for deployment.

## USS JASON DUNHAM COMMISSIONING



The USS JASON DUNHAM (DDG 109), the Navy's most advanced Arleigh Burke Class, Aegis Guided Missile Destroyer will be commissioned in Port Everglades on November 13, 2010. The event is expected to draw thousands to the port following a week of events and activities for the crew and their families. A list of events open to the public can be found at [www.jasondunhamuss.com](http://www.jasondunhamuss.com). The Council will be hosting an All Hands Party on Friday, November 5 from 6-8 PM at Briny's Irish Pub — watch your email for additional information.

The warship is named after United States Marine Corporal Jason Dunham who sacrificed his life by using his helmet to cover a hand grenade dropped by an insurgent. His spontaneous action saved the lives of two fellow Marines during Operation Iraqi Freedom in April 2004. Jason sustained serious injuries from the blast and died eight

days later. He was 22. Jason served with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment (3/7). President George W. Bush honored Jason for his actions with the issue of the Medal of Honor Citation posthumously. He is the first Marine Medal of Honor recipient for Operation Iraqi Freedom and the first Marine to receive the medal since the Vietnam War.

Corporal Jason L. Dunham was born on November 10, 1981 in Scio, New York (population 1900). The date is significant in that the United States Marine Corps celebrates this day — faithfully — each year — as their official birthday!

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## COUNCIL MERCHANDISE

Have you seen the Navy League shirts worn by many of our members? Have you wondered where they have purchased them? You may now easily access the National Navy League Ship Store through the Council's website by clicking on "ship store" There is a wide selection of items available and for every purchase through our website, our Council will receive a 3.5% rebate.

This is also a great place to look for holiday gifts.

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## COAST GUARD IN THE SPOTLIGHT - AIR STATION



**BRIAN GREATOREX**  
Coast Guard Air Station Miami

**Hometown:** New Port Richey, Florida  
**Duty Title:** Food Service Specialist Second Class  
**Time in the Coast Guard:** 4 years, 9 months  
**Why I joined the Coast Guard:** To honor the memory of my Father (22 yrs of service in the United States Army), to serve the United States and to better myself.  
**Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Coast Guard:** I hope to achieve the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer during my career.  
**Plans after Coast Guard life:** Open my own fine dining restaurant in the New Port Richey area and start a Race Team (NASCAR).  
**The thing I like most about my job is:** The opportunity to raise the morale at the unit everyday by providing a good, healthy meal and to see that everyone is happy when they leave the galley.

## NAVY LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION



The Navy League National Convention was held in Jacksonville from October 22 – 24.

Broward County Council was selected as an Outstanding Council for its efforts in 2009. Pictured here is Bill Weiler, Past President, who was presented with the plaque for 2009 Outstanding Council by Navy League President Dan Branch (left).

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

**PRIORITY CODE 4Q2010**

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