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SEPTEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR UNWANTED TREASURES

GARAGE SALE: OCTOBER 16, 2010
FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

LOCATION: 299 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY
FORT LAUDERDALE

NEEDED: DONATIONS OF NEW
OR GENTLY USED ITEMS

The Council will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the parking lot of Signature Memories (formerly the Fairchild Funeral Home) at 299 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale.

Now is the time to clean out your closets and garage and make a donation to assist the Council with this fundraiser. We will accept donations of new or gently used items for this sale (no clothing or furniture please). Items can be dropped off on Thursday and Friday, October 14 and 15, between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM at Kraeer-Fairchild Funeral Home located at 4061 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale in the back of the building through the "Flower Room" door. You may also arrange pick-ups/drop-offs by contacting any board member or sending an email to the Council (bcnavyleague@yahoo.com) prior to October 10.

The funds raised will be used to support local active duty Coast Guard personnel, local Navy and Marine reservists, outstanding JROTC cadets at six local high schools as well as to send personal care packages to our deployed military in Afghanistan. Due to the current economic situation, we have decided to reach out to our council members in the hope that, through your generosity, we will raise the funds needed to continue performing these good deeds.

Thursday , September 16, 2010

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale

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

Guest Speakers will be the Spruance Division Sea Cadets under the leadership of LCDR Alan Starr

There will be a Special Tribute to George Makris

Dinner Choices: Prime Rib or Baked Boston Scrod

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

Make your reservation by September 13, 2010

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

Bring an item for the Council's care packages for
deployed Marines—more information inside

September is Sea Cadet Month—The U S Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a U S Navy-based organization that teaches youth between the ages of 13 – 17 about the sea-going military services, community service, citizenship, and an understanding of discipline and teamwork. Another version of the Sea Cadets Corps is the Navy League Cadet Corps which exists for youth between the ages of 11 – 13. The Naval Sea Cadets Corps was founded in 1958 by the Navy League of the United States at the request of the Department of the Navy. In 1962, it was chartered under Title 36 of the United States Code as a non-profit youth organization with an emphasis towards the sea-going services of the United States. The law was amended in 1974 to allow female participation.

RESOLVE MARINE

Our Community Affiliate, Resolve Marine Group, deployed its fleet of vessels to serve the pollution prevention and oil skimming operations in the Gulf of Mexico. Resolve operated out of its Theodore, Alabama port after the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig on April 20, 2010. Resolve Marine Group was initially deployed to support the firefighting effort on the Deepwater Horizon rig and deployed more than 50 vessels and floating assets in support of the oil spill skimming and clean-up activities, as a subcontractor to BP. Resolve's primary focus was the initial logistical planning for the skimming operations, the containment, management and removal of surface crude oil, and the prevention of oil reaching beaches and infiltrating wetland areas on the Gulf coast in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Resolve crews were engaged in a variety of operations including: deployment of vessels, laying boom, positioning skimming equipment in specific spill locations, transporting collected crude oil to BP facilities, and decontaminating vessels employed in the spill areas prior to their return to protected ports and harbors. More than 100 Resolve personnel and subcontractors worked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the clean-up



MEMBER RON PERKINS



In July 2010, Seafarers' House announced the appointment of Deacon Ronald G. Perkins to the position of Chaplain for Seafarers' House. An upstate New York native, Deacon Perkins earned an RN degree at Marcy State Hospital School of Nursing affiliated with Utica College of Syracuse

University and spent the early years of his career as a US Navy Nurse Corps Officer. While in the Navy, Perkins served on surgical teams deployed aboard naval vessels and was the medical regulating officer for the evacuation of Saigon. After leaving the Navy, his work in the health care field included serving as VP of Patient Care Services at Saint Francis Medical Center in Monroe, Louisiana and later, as VP of American Healthcorp, Inc. in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1987, Perkins founded his own company, Health Advantage, Inc. In 1994 Perkins joined American Document Management as Chairman, taking on the financial and corporate relations management for this technology company now based in Fort Lauderdale.

Because of his deep-seated faith and his calling to the maritime ministry, Deacon Perkins took on the mission of Seafarers' House service to the maritime community as a new vocation. Ordained to the Diaconate in August 2006, Perkins has served at both Ecclesia Christi and Our Lady of Hope Western Orthodox Catholic Church as well as volunteering as chaplain with Seafarers' House and the Fort Lauderdale and Lauderhill Police Departments. Perkins is a Certified Law Enforcement Chaplain and Critical Incident Stress Manager.

SAILORS OF THE QUARTER—USS LEYTE GULF



USS Leyte Gulf's Sailors of the Quarter are: (from left to right) Sailor of the Quarter FC1(SW) Carrey Switzer; Junior Sailor of the Quarter: STG2(SW) Jacob Hall; Blue Jacket of the Quarter: SHSN Rawlings H. Osei.

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

OUTSTANDING COUNCIL

The Council has again been designated as an Outstanding Council for our efforts in 2009. Broward County Council is one of seventeen councils designated as Outstanding and will be recognized during the Honors Ceremony at the National Convention in October. Thanks to all Council members – without all of your support, we could not have completed our mission of support to the military. The following email was received by 2009 Council President Bill Weiler from Florida Region President Bill Dudley.

Congratulations to you and all the members of the Broward Council on achieving Outstanding Council again this year. This is exemplary and it speaks very highly of the leadership in this Council and to the dedication of it's membership. Broward Council continues to be the hallmark of performance for South Florida Councils as you establish the benchmark. No doubt we will see a repeat of this award again next year under George Reeves leadership as Council President. Please pass along my congratulations to all Council members for a job well done.

REMEMBERING A FRIEND



On May 30, 2010, the Council lost a great member and friend – Joe Millsaps.

Joe was a longtime Fort Lauderdale resident and is most closely associated with Broward Navy Days and Fleet Week. Joe helped found Broward Navy Days and served as president and chairman of the board. Joe also worked with a number of other ventures including the Winterfest Boat Parade and the Orange Bowl Committee. Professionally, he

was a founding partner in the commercial real estate firm Rauch, Weaver, Millsaps & Company, now known as Rauch, Weaver, Norflett, Kurtz & Company. Joe became known as “Mr. Fort Lauderdale” because he served on so many boards including the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Greater Fort Lauderdale Association of Realtors, Broward Economic Council, and Nova Southeastern University. Joe was memorialized at a ceremony at Calgary Chapel attended by friends and associates.

USS JASON DUNHAM



(Left to right) Garry Murphy, Deb Dunham (Jason's mother) and Joe Giambrone

On August 7, the Commissioning Committee of the USS Jason Dunham DDG109 hosted a cocktail reception and cruise aboard the beautiful Sun Dream Yacht Caprice. Onboard for the “three hour cruise” were Cdr Scott Sciretta and his wife Sharon as well as Deb Dunham, mother of Jason Dunham. The fun evening allowed guests to learn more about the ship, Jason Dunham, and the commissioning. The Jason Dunham will be in Port Everglades from November 5 – 15; the commissioning will take place on November 13. If you would like to get involved or make a donation, contact Chuck Black, Chairman of the Commissioning Committee at 954-547-8858 or via email cblack@signsbytomorrow.com



Robert Marks with Cdr Scott Sciretta

CARE PACKAGES FOR DEPLOYED MARINES

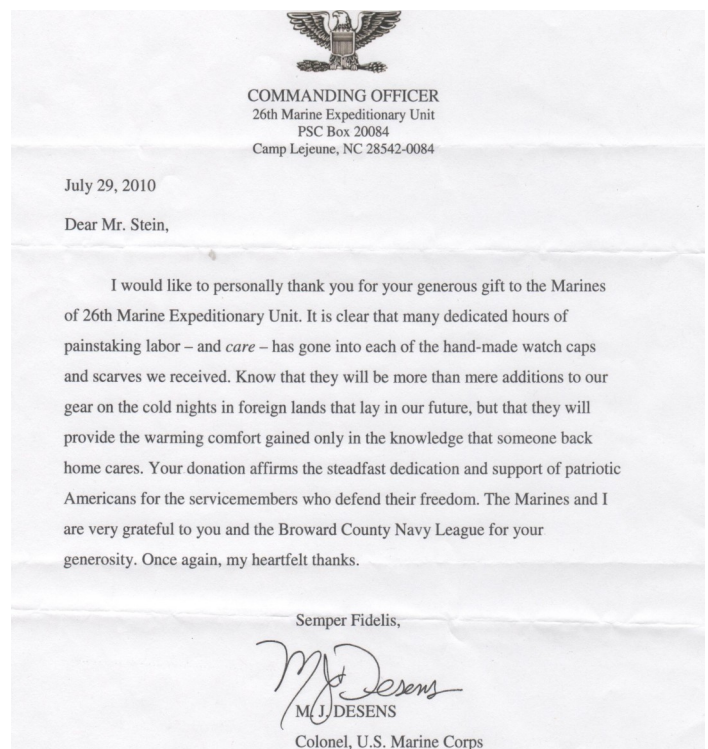
The Council is continuing to send care packages to our deployed sailors and Marines. Board members Al and Shelly Stein have the responsibility of contacting the troops, acquiring the items for the care packages as well as boxing up the items, preparing Customs forms and taking the boxes to the Post Office. Recently, the following list of items was sent to them by one of the Marines. If you would like to help with the Council's care package program, you can make a cash donation or you can purchase some of these items. You can bring the items to the next dinner social or get them to any board member. You may contact Shelly Stein at 954-472-0285 or email her at silvercurl41@yahoo.com.

Drink powders such as Gatorade or Propel
Small toys such as yo-yos, puzzles
Protein powder (instant breakfast-type powder)
Fabreze spray, bleach wipes
Hand wipes (Wet Ones) or baby wipes
Gum and candy (no chocolate)
Travel size rolls of toilet paper
Wisps (little Colgate mini toothbrushes)
Magazines
Beef jerky
Movies and DVDs
Non-perishable snack items
Toiletries
Coffee
Hand sanitizer

Each package costs approximately \$100 to fill and \$12.50 to mail. Tax free contributions in any amount are welcome and can be sent to BCNL, P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339 or you can make a donation at any dinner social.



Photo of the 1st Radio Battalion Forward, Marine Expeditionary Force Forward—recipients of recent Council care packages



Above is a letter the Council received from Colonel M. J. Desens, CO of the 26th MEU. This unit will be deploying to Afghanistan in the fall.

Several local knitting groups have been making helmet liners and scarves that have been included in the care packages. Below are the "Ladies at Lake of the Woods" - from left to right: Betty Parker; Joanne Lindsay; Elsie Haight; Faye Moore; Maxine Bartz; Glorianne Crowe; Valerie Olmer and Lorraine Jourdan. Missing from photo - Jean Landy and Barbara Jackson.



THE EAGLE LANDED IN PORT EVERGLADES!

America's Tall Ship, the USCGC Eagle, made a rare visit to Fort Lauderdale from July 23 – 26, 2010. The Barque Eagle is a fully functioning training vessel for young Coast Guard cadets. Everything but the hoisting of the anchor and the lowering of the small boats is done by hand on the Eagle. The public was able to visit the Eagle and take tours during its time in Port Everglades. The Council welcomed the crew at a reception at our community affiliate Briny's Irish Pub. The event was co-hosted by Broward County and Fort Lauderdale Councils with assistance from Broward Navy Days. A special thank you to Seafarers' House and Chaplain Ron Perkins for providing transportation for the crew of the Eagle.



Aileen Brennan of Briny's with RADM William Baumgartner



L to R: Rudy Oettig, George Reeves, Morrie Weinman, RADM Baumgartner, Aileen Brennan, Captain Eric Jones, Tom Melville, Don Bannister and Garry Murphy



Above: L to R: Neville Shorter of VFW, Joe Giambrone and Eagle's Captain Eric Jones

Below: USCGC Eagle at Port Everglades



Above: Eagle's Cadets enjoy reception at Briny's

Below from L to R: Captain Eric Jones, Bob Hein, new members Asale and Brian Flynn, Aileen Brennan and Bill Weiler



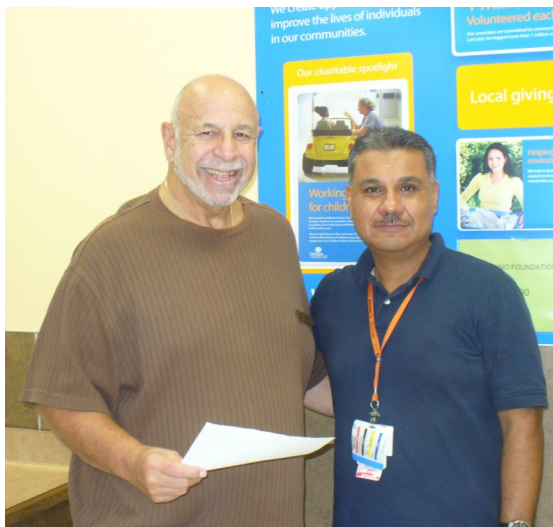
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

On June 3, Council VP, Legislative Affairs Robert "Bob" Marks met with newly elected Congressman Ted Deutch at his Boca Raton office. Joining Bob were council members Erwin and Joan Sefton. Bob briefed the Congressman on the history and mission of the Navy League as well as on the activities of the Council. Congressman Deutch is a strong advocate for veterans and expressed an interest in becoming more knowledgeable about the concerns of the Sea Services.



Left to right: Joan Sefton, Erwin Sefton, Bob Marks and Congressman Ted Deutch

THANKS TO WALMART



Al Stein was pleased to accept a community grant check from Juan Carlos Tejerina of the Walmart store at Sawgrass Mills. The Council is most appreciative of their continued support.

SUPPORTING JAC

June 6, 2010

Navy League of the United States
Broward County Council
PO Box 39252
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-9252

Dear Pres. George Reeves,

We would like to thank you and the Broward County Navy League for the generous donation of \$100.00 to JAC NAVY FAMILY READINESS GROUP. All of your funds will go towards purchasing much needed items to newly arriving enlisted sailors and their families here at RAF Molesworth and care packages to our forward deployed sailors.

We appreciated having Mr. and Mrs. Stein attend our monthly meeting. They had wonderful suggestions on sending care packages and fundraising tips.

Thank you again for all you do for sailors and their families both in the United States and stations overseas.

Fair winds and following seas,

Jean Schulman
Co-Chair
JAC Navy Family Readiness Group

The U.S. European Command's Joint Analysis Center (JAC) is located about 60 miles north of London at RAF Molesworth. There are approximately 350 Naval personnel at the location and their primary function is to process, analyze and consolidate data to produce fused intelligence information on 77 countries across, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. They support mission planning and operations by U.S., Allied and NATO commanders during peace, crisis and war. Mission commanders and decision-makers at all levels rely on information produced at the JAC. Personnel from all four U.S. military services are assigned to the Joint Analysis Center and contribute to the intelligence mission.

Unlike large bases, such as Norfolk or San Diego, when young sailors and their families report to this facility, one of the first things they learn is that there isn't any mess hall. Many of these young sailors do not own cars and are therefore limited as where they can purchase food. The prices at the base convenience store and on-base pizza restaurant are expensive relative to the salaries paid to enlisted sailors. In an attempt to give the new arrivals time to get acclimated, the JAC Navy Family Support Group provides each sailor with a basket containing basic food items. In an average year, 50 new sailors arrive at the JAC and even with the usual fund raisers the FSG is always looking for ways to raise additional funds for this endeavor. In addition to the food baskets, they also send care packages to forward deployed sailors who were previously assigned to the JAC.

While visiting the installation, council members Al and Shelly Stein learned about this program and made an unsolicited donation on behalf of the Council.

COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH OPERATION HOMEFRONT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For the past several years, the Navy League has partnered with Operation Homefront and the Dollar Tree Stores in the Back to School Brigade. The program helps military families get their children ready to go back to school by collecting new school supplies for children of all ages. This program helps save military families a huge expense as they prepare their children for a new school year. In 2009, Operation Homefront served nearly 20,000 children with a full backpack and countless other military children with supplies preparing them for a successful school year. From July 11 through August 2, 2010, Dollar Tree stores nationwide collected back to school supplies for military children. Navy Leaguers registered to pick up supplies at designated Dollar Tree Stores and bring them to local military locations. In early August, Council President George Reeves picked up over 600 items and delivered them to Lt James Neville, Commanding Officer, Marine Reserve Center and LCDR Brett Bormann, Commanding Officer, Naval Operations Support Center. Board members Al and Shelly Stein picked up over 300 items and delivered them to Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Brian Flynn and Asela Flynn, 14031 SW 17th Street, Davie FL 33325 phone 954-382-2026, email flynnbri09@aol.com and chichiflynn@aol.com sponsor: Bill Weiler

John Hanlon and Meredith Hanlon, 2671 NW 112 Ave, Coral Springs FL 33065, phone 954-344-4266 email johnphanlon@bellsouth.net and hanlonml@bellsouth.net sponsor: Bill Weiler

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Navy League convention will be held from October 20 – 24, 2010 in Jacksonville Florida at the Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville Riverfront. Registration is available on-line at the Navy League website (www.navyleague.org). All members are encouraged to attend the convention. In addition to meetings and workshops, tours to Kennedy Space Center and St. Augustine, a concert by the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and a dinner cruise aboard the Jacksonville Princess II are planned.

COAST GUARD NEWS

Council members attended the retirement ceremony of AMTCM Miner “Rusty” Pederson on June 11 at Coast Guard Air Station Miami. Rusty has been a good friend of the Council and we will miss him at our events. However, Rusty is not leaving the Navy League altogether—he just became a member of the Space Coast Council!



Left to right: Joe Giambrone, Anita Carmell, Mrs. Pederson, Rusty Pederson and Don Bannister

Rusty wanted to make sure that his replacement became familiar with our Council so he brought Master Chief Jeff Pomeroy to our May dinner social. Welcome aboard Master Chief!



Left to right: Rusty Pederson and Jeff Pomeroy

A NIGHT OF DINNER AND DANCE AT THE GUARDIANS' GALA

The South Florida Coast Guard Association will hold their third annual Guardians' Gala on Saturday October 16, 2010. *Guardians Past and Present – A Salute to our Veterans* will be held at Jungle Island in Miami from 6 PM to midnight. Tickets for civilians are \$100. Additional information and reservations are available on their website: www.thesfcga.com. Questions can be directed to Emmy Evans at (415) 728-6840.

The South Florida Coast Guard Association, Inc. (SFCGA) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing professional development and networking opportunities for all South Florida Coast Guard personnel – active, reserve, retired, auxiliary, civilian – and friends. Their mission is to provide opportunities for members to develop professionally and enjoy the camaraderie associated with military and community service by hosting and participating in professional and morale events based on the Coast Guard's core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER P. SCRABA, USCG



Attendees of the South Florida Area meeting had the pleasure of meeting Captain Christopher Scraba, the new Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Sector Miami. Captain Scraba gave Navy Leaguers from Boca Delray, Broward County, Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach Councils an overview of the activities of Sector Miami at the meeting which was held on August 21 at Coral Ridge Country Club.

Sector Miami's area of responsibility includes 9 counties, covers over 250,000 square miles and includes 5 ports (Fort Pierce, Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Port of Miami and Port of Miami River). The men and women of Coast Guard Sector Miami are responsible for search and rescue operations, drug interdiction, alien migrant interdiction and port/waterways/coastal security. The Council welcomes Captain Scraba to South Florida and looks forward to seeing him at future Council events.

Prior to being assigned to Sector Miami, Captain Scraba was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters as the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Resources/ Chief Financial Officer. He has served afloat in numerous positions aboard five Coast Guard cutters and two U. S. Navy ships. Captain Scraba is a graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. His personal military awards include three Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, six Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, one Navy Achievement Medal, and two Coast Guard Letters of Commendations. Captain Scraba resides in Weston with his wife Melissa and four children.



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SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT - USS LEYTE GULF



SHSN RAWLINGS H. OSEI
USS LEYTE GULF CG55

Hometown: PAWTUCKET, RI

Duty Title: VENDING OPERATOR.

Time in the Navy: 1 YR AND 8 MONTHS.

Why I joined the Navy: "A CALL FOR SERVICE".

Most exciting/rewarding Navy experience: BEING PART OF THE GREATEST NAVY IN THE WORLD.

Greatest achievement since joining the Navy: ABILITY TO WORK WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS

Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy: ADVANCE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL POSSIBLE.

Plans after Navy life: GO BACK TO COLLEGE

The thing I like the most about my job is: CUSTOMER SATISFACTION.

FISHER HOUSE



In June, the Council donated \$1000 to support the recently completed Fisher House adjacent to the VA Health System Hospital in Miami which serves all of South Florida. This new Fisher House is the 35th one to be established in the country and is available to families of veterans or active duty servicemen and women who require long term convalescence. There is no charge for the visiting family members. Fisher House Miami has 20 suites and a common kitchen area and reception. Total investment was \$5 million of which \$2 million was provided by the local community. Making the presentation was Council President George Reeves and Council Judge Advocate Teresa Perez.

From left to right) – Enrique Aguilar, MD, Associate Chief of Staff, Geriatrics & Extended Care; Claire Monzeglio, Chief Nurse, Acute Care; George Reeves, Teresa Perez and Fisher House Manager Carolyn Soucy LCSW

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