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MARCH DINNER SOCIAL

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale

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

Guest Speaker will be:

CDR Michael J. Rodman
Commanding Officer—Navy Recruiting District Miami

Dinner Choices: Prime Rib or Baked Chicken Breast

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

Make your reservation by March 6, 2011

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

The Council – through the tireless efforts of Shelly and Al Stein – has been sending care packages to deployed Marines for some time. Over 500 care packages have been mailed but we need to continue our efforts. We are again seeking donations from Council members and friends to continue our care package program. If you wish to donate DVDs or items such as dried fruit, candy, magazines, and personal care items, you can bring them to any dinner social or other Council event. Cash donations towards the cost of postage are always appreciated – it costs \$12.95 to send each care package.

Contact Al Stein at 954-472-0285 to arrange for drop-off of items or to get more information.

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL



New members (left to right) Brian Flynn, Asela Flynn, Richard Horton, Sonja Gorwood are joined by President George Reeves

On February 24, the Council hosted a new member social at the George Thorne US Naval Sea Cadet training facility. The event gave an opportunity for the new members to meet each other as well as the Council directors. Council President George Reeves welcomed the members and shared information regarding Council activities. The board members in attendance were introduced and George explained the responsibilities of each. Alan Starr, Commander of the Spruance Division Sea Cadets, shared information about the history of the building and the Sea Cadets. He also gave a very informative talk about military protocol. Thanks to Charlie Schmidt, Council New Member Coordinator, who arranged the event.

See additional photos inside.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fleet Week 2011 is upon us

This annual event sponsored by Humana Military Health Care Services and coordinated by Broward Navy Days is the signature seafaring experience of the year.

Some six ships bringing 2,500 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard personnel will arrive in Port Everglades and will be available for ship tours beginning on April 25th through the 30th. The initial All Hands reception will be held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel on Monday, April 25th. The complete public schedule for the week is on www.browardnavydaysinc.org.

Our own Broward Council is an active participant and our members volunteer for the many administrative and liaison duties required to insure the success of this major event. Joe Giambone supervises the ship tour scheduling for Sea Cadets, high schools and other youth groups and indeed the general public. He'll need assistance and will advise us all regarding time and place.

Shelly Beck is the Fleet Week overall volunteer coordinator and will need help with community outreach programs including hospitals, veterans' organizations, Habitat, athletic events and many other activities for Our Navy visitors. If you can help for a day, the week or even more, email Shelly at shelly.beck@cancer.org. Based on past experience, I'm sure you'll find these activities rewarding. And, it's part of the Navy League mandate for service to our seafarers.

Enjoy the week.



George Reeves

Below is the USS Iwo Jima, one of six ships which will be visiting Port Everglades for Fleet Week



GUEST SPEAKER



Commander Michael J. Rodman, a native of Naugatuck, Connecticut, is a 1993 graduate of Norwich University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC). In 2009, he earned a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Commander Rodman's sea duty assignments include USS *Richmond K. Turner* (CG 20) as the Main Engines Officer, USS *Nassau* (LHA 4) as the Operations Information and Aft Main Propulsion Division Officer, and USS *Russell* (DDG 59) as the Auxiliaries Officer. During his tour on *Nassau*, the ship completed a Mediterranean Deployment, operating in the Adriatic Sea in support of Operation Sharp Guard, Deny Flight, and Provide Promise. While stationed on *Russell*, the ship completed a deployment to the Arabian Gulf conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations in support of sanctions against Iraq.

Commander Rodman was then assigned to the Naval Academy Preparatory School, Newport, Rhode Island as a Mathematics Instructor. In December 2001, he reported to Commander, Naval Reserve Recruiting Command Area Northeast, as a Reserve Officer recruiter. His initial Department Head tour was as the Enlisted Programs Officer at Navy Recruiting District Michigan. In March of 2007, he reported to Commander, Navy Recruiting Region East as the Region Enlisted Programs Officer. In February 2010, he reported to Navy Recruiting District Miami as the Executive Officer. In November 2010 he assumed command of Navy Recruiting District Miami.

Commander Rodman's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), and various unit awards.

FEBRUARY DINNER SOCIAL

Council members enjoyed guest speaker Joe Farrell, Jr. at the dinner social on February 10. Members were able to learn about maritime dangers such as fires, collisions and oil spills from Mr. Farrell, President/CEO, of our Community Affiliate, Resolve Marine Group, one of the largest salvage, tug and fire fighting operations in the hemisphere. He discussed how he got into the salvage business and how he has grown his business over the past 30 years. Mr. Farrell also shared photos of many of the successful operations Resolve has performed world-wide.

Nova High School JROTC cadets presented the colors; they are under the leadership of Major David Baldwin, Senior Naval Science Instructor.



*Top photo: NOVA JROTC color guard
Middle photo: Major David Baldwin with Alan Starr
Bottom photo: New board members Fritz Heidgerd and Connie Christensen join long time board member Larry Ott*



*Above: Council President George Reeves presents clock to Joe Farrell Jr.
Below: New member Tom Stenger, Mary Beth and Joe Farrell, George Reeves*



Below: Council members Don Bannister and Tom Carney



ALL HANDS PARTY

On February 11, an All Hands Party for the crews of the USS Truxtun and the USS Mitscher was held at Briny's Pub. The Council co-hosted the event with the Fort Lauderdale Council. Members of the Boca Council and Broward Navy Days were also on hand to enjoy a great evening of conversation, music and drinks!



CDR Brian Sorenson, CO, USS Mitscher (photo above left) and CDR Ron Walker, XO, USS Truxtun (photo above right) were on hand to enjoy the evening with their crews members and Navy Leaguers (shown in photos below) for a fun evening at Briny's.



THE MARINES THANK US!

Numerous email thank you notes are received from the recipients of the care packages. These Marines are very appreciative of the support from back home. Here are two recent emails sent from 1st Sgt Jorge Melendez of 3/5 Kilo Company:

Thank you for the dried mangoes. They were delicious. We have received all hygiene packages. Again thank you for your support. Take care and keep in touch.

Thank you for your support. Your dedication and service is greatly appreciated. Know that Marines are extremely thankful for all the care packages. It lifts the Marines morale. GOD SPEED AND SEMPER-FIDELIS!!!

From 1st Sgt James D. Vealey of 2/3 H&S Company, we received this email:

Movies are always welcome; movies get passed around here like precious commodities. Thank you again for your support. As I receive your packages, I have been sending an email informing you of receipt. I will continue to do so. Take care and stay motivated!



The Marines of Weapons Company sent the photo above along with a thank you letter which reads:

Thank you for your support! Getting mail is a huge morale booster for us all!! Your packages have made our lives out here more enjoyable and a little sweeter. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to put together a package and support us in Sangin, Afghanistan. From all of us in Weapons Company, thank you and Semper Fi.

The thank you letter was signed by 15 individual Marines including Bingo, the company's dog (seen in the above photo)!

USS LEYTE GULF



Al Stein supplied the Boca Java coffee company with the FPO AE address of the USS Leyte Gulf and advised them that the ship had a crew of 375 sailors. Boca Java stepped up and shipped a large supply of coffee to the ship. Photo shows the department heads on the Leyte Gulf with the coffee. The following email was received from CRR Viado:

We got the coffee. This should last us for at least 2 months! Thanks again, it has been well received.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

The crew of USS New York (LPD 21) celebrated the ship's first change of command on February 11 when Cmdr. William Herrmann relieved Cmdr. Curt Jones as Commanding Officer of the USS New York at a change of command ceremony held aboard the ship at BAE Systems Shipyard. The landing platform dock, built with 7.5 tons of World Trade Center steel, recently passed a vigorous Final Contract Trials certification by the Board of Inspection and Survey. Jones was Captain of the ship when she was commissioned in New York City in November of 2009. His next tour will be in Washington, D.C. He is the son of Sandra and Tom Jones, officers of the Council (shown in the photo below). Congratulations to Cmdr Jones and LCDR Emily Cathey (shown in photo) below who were married one week after the change of command.

The silver piece shown in the photo is from a prior USS New York (BB 34 - circa 1914-1948).



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Attending the new member social on February 24 were
(left to right) Anita Carmell, Brian Flynn, Bill Weiler, Asela
Flynn and George Reeves



Also enjoying the new member social were Sonja Gorwood and Erwin Sefton (back row) and Ernie Gorwood (front left) and Richard Horton

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

On February 21, 2011, members of the Council were warmly welcomed by newly elected Florida District 22 Congressman Allen West. Legislative Affairs Vice President Bob Marks, Board members Erwin Sefton and Bob Hein along with Council member Joan Sefton conducted a Grassroots briefing for the Congressman. The group updated Congressman West on the need for increasing the number of ships needed by the Navy to effectively carry out its mission. Congressman West stated his support for the needed fleet increase and especially littoral platforms to support marine and army amphibious operations. The Congressman mentioned that only a small percentage of our legislators have military experience and stated his hope that more retired military personnel would enter politics to assure that our armed forces are given the tools they need to protect our national security. Congressman West commended the Navy League for its successful efforts with the Nation's youth, particularly our support of the Sea Cadets and the JROTC students in our high schools.



Above (L to R): Erwin Sefton, Bob Marks, Congressman Allen West, Bob Hein and Joan Sefton
Below: Congressman West is joined by his staff member Kate Wesner as he talks to Council members



UPCOMING EVENTS

COAST GUARD AIR STATION MIAMI'S HANGAR DANCE - In honor of *The Centennial of Naval Aviation*, the dance will be held on **March 4** at 7 PM. A buffet meal will be served and the entertainment will be by the United States Navy Band Southeast- Popular Music Group "Pride". To RSVP or to get more information, contact Lieutenant Mundy at 305-953-2116.

ANNUAL COAST GUARD AIR STATION MIAMI 5K RUN/WALK - The 21st Annual Coast Guard Air Station Miami 5K will be held on **March 11**. For those of you who have never run or walked in the annual Runway Run, it is truly a great experience. The race begins at the corner of the Coast Guard Ramp and continues through the airport environment culminating at Air Station Miami's Pool Pavilion. The race will be professionally timed by AccuChip. As part of your registration, you will receive a commemorative t-shirt which will have an Air Station Miami patch on the front. In support of Breast Cancer Awareness, members may also choose to purchase their registration for \$20 and receive a pink t-shirt. All proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. Race day registration begins at 6:30 AM with the race/walk beginning at 8:00. The award presentations take place at 9 with a BBQ at 10. The Council will be providing \$25 gift cards to four age category winners. For more information, contact LT Andy Greenwood at andrew.t.greenwood@uscg.mil or LT Zach Mundy Zachary.M.Mundy@uscg.mil.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL – On Saturday, **March 12**, The City of Fort Lauderdale will be hosting events to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. The parade will begin at noon along Las Olas Boulevard from SE 8th Avenue to Huizenga Plaza. The festival will be held at Huizenga Plaza from 1:30 – 9:00 PM – there will be music, activities, food and beverages. For more information, visit www.ftlaudirishfest.com or call 954-828-5985.

FREEDOM AWARDS LUNCHEON - Don't forget to sign up for the luncheon scheduled for **March 13** aboard the cruise ship Ruby Princess. This annual award event is always elegant and fun. This year, our own Director, National Director and Navy League Area President, Joe Giambrone, will be honored. Also, honored will be former Council member Joe Millsaps. Note that you have to sign up and provide security information by March 1st. Let's have a good Council representation at this fine event. Please RSVP by email to msector@yahoo.com. Questions can be directed to Sue Nelson at 954-242-6400.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – The City of Fort Lauderdale will have year-long events to celebrate their centennial. On **March 27**, there will be a Centennial Riverwalk Birthday Party, a family event taking place from noon – 8 PM. You will see the Fort Lauderdale of yesterday, today and tomorrow as you stroll through four event areas along downtown's Riverwalk from Huizenga Plaza to Esplanade Park. There will be live music, children's activities, history exhibits, food, and arts and crafts. There will also be a vintage car show. For more information regarding this and other centennial events or to find out how you can get involved as a volunteer, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/centennial.

SEA AIR SPACE is being held **April 11-13** at the Gaylord Hotel in the National Harbor complex in Maryland. All government civilian employees, military of all ranks and Navy Leaguers are welcome. The Sea Air Space is the largest and most important maritime exposition of its type in the world. There are lunches with senior guest speakers, panel discussions by senior military and civilian leaders, receptions, and the chance to mingle with leaders from industry and the military. Please visit the web site at www.seaairspace.com for additional information.

ANNUAL COAST GUARD EASTER EGG HUNT/BBQ will be held on **April 16**. Check next month's *Helmsman* and your email for more information.

FLEET WEEK is **April 25 – April 30**. Volunteer chairperson Shelley Beck is looking for volunteers that are willing to spend their time to ensure the military enjoy their stay in Fort Lauderdale. Please contact Shelley directly if you would like to volunteer or have any questions. Shelley's email is Shelley.Beck@cancer.org and her phone number is 954-564-0880 x7514.

CONGRESSIONAL "SAIL-IN" - The Navy League has partnered with the U.S. Maritime Coalition for this year's Congressional "Sail-in" taking place on Capitol Hill on **May 4**. The "Sail-in" is an event to increase Congressional awareness of the importance of America's maritime industry to the security of the United States and gain support for the programs necessary to the success of the United States' flag merchant marine and maritime workforce. This year's "Sail-in" is particularly important because of the dramatic changes to the 112th Congress and need to inform new members. Individuals within the American maritime industry come from across the country to Washington to participate and inform Congressional leaders of the importance of the maritime industry to the well-being of the United States. Visit <http://www.maritimeindustrysailin.com> for more information or to register at no cost for the event.

NEWS FROM THE SEA SERVICES



On February 1st, the Oceanographer of the Navy helped lay the keel for the Navy's newest oceanographic survey ship during a ceremony at Pascagoula's Halter Marine in Moss Point, Mississippi. The USNS Maury (T-AGS 66), the seventh ship in its class, will be the first oceanographic survey ship built since 2000. Maury, at approximately 350 feet, will be 24 feet longer than the other ships in the same class in order to accommodate a 300 square-foot moon pool for unmanned vehicle deployment and retrieval. The ship is named for Navy Lt. Matthew Fontaine Maury, (shown in photo). He was considered to be the father of naval oceanography and nicknamed the "Pathfinder of the Seas." He was the first superintendent of the U.S. Naval Observatory. Once commissioned, USNS Maury will be used by the Naval Oceanographic Office in naval operations and to survey the world's oceans.



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Ned E. Seath was awarded the Navy Cross, the second highest award for valor in the Marine Corps, for his service during the Vietnam War by the Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. The ceremony was held at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia on February 11. He was serving as a machine gun team leader with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, when he halted an assault of North Vietnamese soldiers on July 16, 1966, by using an M-60 he reassembled from spare parts. His actions saved almost an entire company of fellow Marines. Several days earlier, he rushed to the aid of two wounded Marines under heavy machine gun fire and dragged them to safety. For these actions, he was awarded the Bronze Star with a "V" for valor, which was presented along with his Navy Cross. His story of heroism had been tucked away when his service in the Marine Corps ended. Seven years ago, Seath's story resurfaced during a battalion reunion celebration and the movement for Seath to be recognized for his actions was started.



Senator Susan Collins and Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Bob Papp visited local several Coast Guard units in mid-February. Photo at left shows Senator Collins shaking hands with Seventh District Commander Rear Adm. Bill Baumgartner as she arrived at Air Station Miami. Senator Collins also toured Coast Guard Sector Miami, Coast Guard Cutters Valiant and Dolphin. She is shown in photo at right with Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Roach and the Dolphin's commanding officer, LtJG Ken Franklin.



Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) is honoring Naval Aviation's 100 years of flight in 2011 by participating in the Heritage Paint Project to create living history on Navy aircraft. For the Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA) celebration, painters at the military maintenance depot are meticulously applying vintage paint schemes covering several eras of Naval Aviation to selected aircraft not scheduled for deployment. CoNA not only celebrates the contributions and sacrifices of Navy aviators, past and present, but those of Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviators as well. The latest "modern" aircraft to receive a vintage paint scheme is a P-3 Orion, a Navy patrol and reconnaissance aircraft (shown in photo). In early March when the Heritage Paint Project is completed, 27 aircraft (16 from the Fleet and 11 from training commands) will sport the heritage colors. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviators will fly these unique aircraft at hundreds of air shows, flyovers, festivals, displays, tributes and other events during the yearlong celebration.



The Ground Combat Element (GCE) of a Marine Corps Security Cooperation Task Force (SCTF) experienced first-hand the Colombian marines' style of jungle survival during a survival training course conducted aboard the Marine Infantry Training Base in Covenas, Columbia in February. The SCTF is currently deployed in support of Amphibious Southern Partnership Station 2011, which is a United States Southern Command directed operation. Although both the U.S. and Colombian marines share common interests and are similar in many ways, the difference in geography of the two countries means the forces have different strengths and a variety of common capabilities. Colombian marines spend a lot of their time in the jungle, and U.S. Marines spend much of their time in urban or desert terrain. The training course gave U.S. Marines the opportunity to learn from their Colombian counterparts and strengthen their own capabilities.

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NOSC SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



LS1 Natalie Rodriguez

Hometown: Maracas St Joseph, Trinidad West Indies

Duty Title: Command Leading Petty Officer

Time in the Navy: 17 years

Why I joined the Navy: To seek out new horizons and experiences

Greatest achievement since joining the Navy: NOSC MIAMI 2010 Sailor of the Year

Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Navy: Making Chief Petty Officer

Plans after Navy life: Becoming a Certified Associate in Project Management and Certified Manager and pursuing a second career as a Project Management Analyst

The thing I like most about my job is: It is always challenging and there is always something new to learn.

COUNCIL MEMBER JUMPS!



Council member Col. George Cadman, III, USMC (ret) jumped from 13,000 feet on January 26 with one of the Army Silver Knight team members at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

George is in yellow flight suit. Landing was without incident.

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