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## FLEET WEEK

### JUNIOR OFFICERS PARTY

Hosted by our Council

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

5:30-7:30 PM

Briny's Irish Pub & Restaurant  
305 S. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale

See inside for other events open to the public

## EASTER EGG HUNT/BBQ

See inside for more photos



## MARCH DINNER SOCIAL

Lt. Col. Leo R. Gray made significant contributions during his 41 years of military service. Those in attendance at the March dinner social were fortunate enough to hear Colonel Gray talk about many of those experiences. He also spoke of the challenges he faced as a young black man in the 1940s. He was a most delightful speaker and had the audience laughing at many of his stories including the one about the pilot who fell out of her plane.

Colonel Gray was pleasantly surprised when he arrived at Tropical Acres and was greeted by Mildred Spaulding (shown below) who was at Tuskegee when Leo was just a cadet. Coincidentally, Ms. Spaulding is the neighbor of Shelly and Al Stein who brought her to the meeting.



The Cooper City High School NJROTC presented the colors and attended the dinner. Members were happy to be back at Tropical Acres which looked fresh after their grand reopening just a few days before our dinner social.

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

As we celebrated the first day of Spring on March 20<sup>th</sup>, the birds have been singing, the days has been beautiful along with cool nights which is why we live here in Florida. As we approach this holiday season, I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover (Chag Sameach).

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Several families and their kids as well as Navy League members enjoyed the bounce house, the clown and watching the kids gathering up the eggs scattered around the grounds. Who got the golden egg? I want to thank Dottie Kirk, Chair of the Easter Egg Hunt for all her hard work and time to make this event happen. She worked several weeks to make sure everyone had a great time. Also, thanks to Erwin, Charlie and other Navy Leaguers who flipped burgers and dogs and helped with set up.

One of the highlights of the year for our Council is Fleet Week! Thanks to Mary Anne Gray, Chair of Broward Navy Days and Council member and to her committee, a wonderful time is had by all who have attended Fleet Week in past years. This year will be no exception. It is so much fun to meet and greet the young sailors and Marines and, of course, the Coast Guard who visit our "liberty port" for the week. We want to make sure they all have a great time while they are here.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact me at [shelley-beck@bellsouth.net](mailto:shelley-beck@bellsouth.net); I am the Volunteer Coordinator for Fleet Week 2012. You must register ahead of time as security information is required for Port clearance to be admitted inside the Port.

To kick off Fleet Week, an "All Hands" reception will be held Wednesday, April 25 starting at 6:00 pm at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood. Our Council will be hosting a JO's (Junior Officers) reception on Thursday, April 26 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Briny's Pub. Please come out and mingle with the men and women who are serving this great country.

There will not be a dinner social this month as we will be celebrating Fleet Week. Mark your calendars for May 10 for our next dinner social at Tropical Acres.

**Shelley**



## ***FLEET WEEK***

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

**6:00-10:00 PM**

#### **ALL HANDS ON DECK WELCOMING PARTY**

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  
Paradise Shops Courtyard, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

**7:30-11:30 PM**

#### **HIMMARSHEE VILLAGE "ROCK THE BOAT" BLOCK PARTY**

Himmarshee Village, Fort Lauderdale  
Honor and celebrate with our visiting military. Live music and radio simulcasts. Participating venues are Tarpon Bend, Himmarshee Bar & Grill, Bourbon Street, Dicey Riley's and America's Backyard - Revolution

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

**7:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

#### **"TAKE A HERO FISHING" TOURNAMENT**

PIER 66—To participate, contact Kitty McGowan, 954-608-6966 or [kitty@billfishtournament.com](mailto:kitty@billfishtournament.com)

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#### **ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON**

(Hosted by Fort Lauderdale Council)

Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six, 2301 S.E. 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale Cost \$40 – contact Lynn Drucker, [lynn@druckermail.com](mailto:lynn@druckermail.com) or 954-325-9102

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### **SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

**7:00 AM**

#### **FORT LAUDERDALE ROTARY U.S. MILITARY 5K RUN**

Dania Beach Pier, 300 N. Beach Rd. Dania Beach  
Register on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or [www.splitsecondtiming.com](http://www.splitsecondtiming.com). Cost \$30 before April 27 or \$40 day of race Contact [www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org](http://www.rotaryfortlauderdale.org) or call 954-424-0731

**5:30 – 11:30 PM**

#### **17th STREET 'WALKABOUT'**

Honor and celebrate with our visiting military in a 'Walkabout' on 17th Street enjoying specials at supporting taverns and eateries: Bimini Boatyard, Quarterdeck, Southport Raw Bar, Kelly's Landing, Lauderdale Grill, Duffy's, Waxy O'Connors. Simulcast radio remote broadcast from parking lot of the Quay in front of Bimini Boatyard.

## ***CHANGE OF COMMAND***

CDR Steven D. Sutton was sworn in as commanding officer of the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) on Saturday, March 3, relieving LCDR Brett Bormann.



Shown in photo (left to right) Council member Sandra Jones, Mrs. Janelle Sutton, CDR Sutton, LCDR Brett Bormann and Mary Anne Gray, Council member and Chairperson Broward Navy Days.

*Thanks to Tom Jones for the photo.*

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## ***LOCAL COAST GUARD ON TV***

The following article appeared in "*The Sun Sentinel*".

Next time a South Florida boater issues a desperate may-day call and a Coast Guard rescue unit appears like a blessing on the horizon, there might be a camera crew in tow. Starting in early April, filming will begin on a new reality series focusing on Coast Guard activities in our own watery backyard. Called "Coast Guard Florida," the show will premiere in October on The Weather Channel. It's a spinoff from "Coast Guard Alaska," which just finished a yearlong broadcast run and has been renewed for two more. "While both series have 'Coast Guard' in the title, that's almost where the similarities end," said Michael Dingley, a senior vice president for The Weather Channel. "Viewers will be amazed at how different 'Coast Guard Florida' will be from its Alaskan predecessor."

The Alaska series concentrated on the Guard's Kodiak station, but the Florida version will follow Coast Guard personnel at three major bases: Miami/Port Everglades, Key West and Clearwater. Those stations are among the most hectic in the Guard's Miami-based 7th District, which covers South Carolina, Georgia and peninsular Florida. That 1.8 million-square-mile area encompasses 9,500 miles of shoreline, which is patrolled by 190 Coast Guard boats, including 39 cutters and 36 aircraft. "Operating out of Florida presents a different set of challenges for our service," said Coast Guard Capt. Ron LaBrec. Among the Guard's Florida duties are providing security for ports, waterways and coastlines, interdicting drug smugglers and migrants, and mounting spur-of-the-moment rescues for recreational mariners who ply the state's waters in a year-round boating season.

The Alaska series centered on aviation search and rescue in a unforgiving climate. Besides a benign environment, the Florida show will feature a more diverse range of missions. "What's different about "Coast Guard Florida" is that they are going to cover a broader swath," said Chief Warrant Officer Chad Saylor of the Guard's Motion Picture and Television Office in Los Angeles. "We want to show more about the Coast Guard's work. There's lot of counter-narcotic operations that go on, a lot of migrant issues."

## ***MEMBERSHIP***

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Danny Maars

Mirtha Rivera

Henrique Angela Tavares

# MARCH DINNER SOCIAL



Guest speaker Col Leo Gray with Council President Shelly Beck and the military in attendance.



PO1 Sloan, US Coast Guard Ret'd, with the Cooper City High School NJROTC color guard



Above: Don Bannister, June and John Yurina and Phyllis Bannister. The Yurina's son, RADM Michael J. Yurina, will be the guest speaker at the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve breakfast during Fleet Week.



Above: Larry Ott, Mike Gordon and his guest Richard Macky

Below: Long time members Dianne "Bunny" Watroba and Mark Stein



Below: Erwin Sefton with Deana and Jim Smiley

## EVENTS

**SUPPORT OPERATION HOMEFRONT:** Heineken and Outback Steakhouse host Heineken with a Heart on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, at Outback Steakhouse, 8255 West Flagler Street, Miami, 33144. There will be complimentary Heineken, Heineken Light, Dos Equis, Amstel Light and New Castle beers and appetizers from Outback Steakhouse! Tickets are only \$25 per person and event proceeds benefit Operation Homefront Florida and their mission. To purchase your tickets, please visit [www.formstack.com/forms/?1181415-shiTpylWTP](http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1181415-shiTpylWTP).

**SUPPORT INJURED MARINE SEMPER FI FUND:** The Florida Atlantic Owls woman's softball team will play The Marines in a charity softball game on Sunday, April 15th at 6:00 pm at FAU Campus Softball Field, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. The game will benefit the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund and the local Marine Birthday Ball Committee. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the gate.

**SUPPORT THE MAYPORT COUNCIL:** The Mayport Council will be hosting a Battle of Midway Commemorative Dinner on June 9th at The Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village. The keynote speaker will be ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations. Tickets are \$60 per person for civilians. For more information, visit [www.midwaydinner.org](http://www.midwaydinner.org).

**FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL HOSTED DAY AT THE RACES.** Broward Council members including Past President George Reeves and his wife Rosa, attended a great event at Gulfstream Park. George is shown here with Fort Lauderdale Council President Rudy Oetting.



**LAUDERDALE AIR SHOW:** A four hour line up of many of the nation's premier military and civilian acts will return the thrill, inspiration and patriotism of a waterfront air show to South Florida for the first time in 5 years! The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will headline the inaugural Lauderdale Air Show on April 28 & 29 from 12 Noon to 4:00pm over the ocean on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The U.S. Navy F-18 Hornet Demo Team and the Navy Seals elite parachute demonstration team, the Leap Frogs, will also be featured along with military aircraft demonstrations and flyovers from every branch of the military. The Show will also feature some of the premier civilian performers in the nation including the Black Diamond Jet Team, GEICO Skytypers, Freestyle Aerobic World Champion Rob Holland and much more. General viewing for the Air Show is free. To find out more, visit their website at [www.lauderdaleairshow.com](http://www.lauderdaleairshow.com).



On March 21, Council President Shelley Beck attended the dinner social of Fort Lauderdale Council. The guest speaker was VADM Joseph D. Kernan, USN, Military Deputy Commander, U.S. Southern Command. Also shown in the photo is Council member LCDR Alan Starr.



Many Council members will remember Jessica Vance, who often presented the colors at our dinner socials when she was a member of the Spruance Division Sea Cadets. Recently Ensign Jessica Vance, who graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2010, became a qualified helicopter pilot and received her "wings of gold" at Whiting Field in Milton, Florida.

Jessica will be stationed at North Island (Coronado Island) California where she will be attached to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Three (HSC3).

# COAST GUARD EASTER EGG HUNT/BBQ

The Council's annual Coast Guard Easter Egg Hunt/BBQ was held on Saturday, March 31. Those in attendance enjoyed the egg hunt, games for the children, face painting, a bounce house and a great BBQ lunch cooked up by Council members Erwin Sefton and Charlie Schmidt. A big THANK YOU goes to Ship's Supply for donating the food and paper goods and Publix Supermarket on Cordova Road in Fort Lauderdale for donating water and soda. We are told that this is one of the only family events held for the Coasties and therefore really appreciated. Thanks to the Council members who supported the event and to Dottie Kirk who coordinated it.



## NAVY LEAGUE NEWS

The Navy League is hosting the 47th Annual Sea-Air-Space Exposition from April 16-18 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. The Sea-Air-Space Exposition is the country's largest educational and professional maritime exposition and brings together active duty, reserve and retired military personnel, U.S. defense industrial base, private-sector companies and Navy Leaguers. More than 150 interactive exhibits, showcasing the latest in maritime, defense and energy technology, will be featured this year. The event will offer attendees the chance to network and attend seminars, and it will provide a professional development platform for educating sailors of all ranks on the latest developments in naval warfare. The exposition is free with advance registration and is open to active duty, Reserve and retired U.S. military personnel, U.S. government employees and members of the Navy League. Visit [www.seaairspace.org](http://www.seaairspace.org) for more information.

*Message sent from National:* E-mail can be an effective, low cost way to communicate but to reach maximum efficiency we first need a valid e-mail address for all of our Navy League members. Currently we have a database with just over 15,000 valid email addresses. That means that nearly two-thirds of Navy Leaguers are not getting the most up-to-date Navy League information. It is critical that our members get our Calls to Action, Council Alerts and other messages so we can rally the organization in support of our Sea Services, particularly as Congress debates the defense and homeland security budgets in the months ahead. If you want to make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information send updates directly by e-mail to [service@navyleague.org](mailto:service@navyleague.org) or call member services at 1-800-356-5760. The bottom line is that too many of our Navy Leaguers are missing out on the benefits and opportunities of Navy League simply because we can't effectively communicate with them. We need to use every tool available to reach our members and get them energized about helping be a part of the Navy League mission.

The Navy League National Convention will be held in Honolulu Hawaii from June 19-24 at the Sheraton Waikiki. Find information about the program, planned events and hotel reservations at [www.navyleagueconvention.org/index.html](http://www.navyleagueconvention.org/index.html). The Navy League has partnered with American Airlines to provide attendees a 10% discount off any published airfare on [www.aa.com/group](http://www.aa.com/group). The valid travel dates for this discount are June 12 – 29, 2012.

A recently released annual policy statement, *Maritime Primacy & Economic Security*, from the Navy League says the Jones Act is critical to U.S. economic, homeland and national security – serving the nation by maintaining a skilled merchant marine, shipbuilding capacity and sea lift capability. The policy statement says the Navy League supports “The Jones Act and Passenger Vessel Act, which are important to economic and national security because they protect critical national infrastructure and provide added sealift capacity through the VISA, an expanded pool of trained and experienced mariners to crew U.S. government-owned sealift assets and help sustain the U.S. shipbuilding and repair industrial base that is vital to the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard.”

The Jones Act mandates the use of vessels that are American-crewed, -built and -owned to move cargo between two U.S. ports. Similar laws and statutes apply the same ground rules to the movement of passengers, towing, dredging and marine salvage. The law boosts security by adding a sealift capacity as well as an expanded pool of trained and experienced mariners to crew U.S. government-owned sealift assets.

“We are pleased that the Navy League supports the Jones Act and understands the essential role the law plays in creating jobs and protecting our homeland,” said James Henry, President of the Transportation Institute and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Maritime Partnership. “The Jones Act makes America more secure economically and militarily by maintaining a skilled merchant marine that supports our military while providing nearly 500,000 American jobs.”

The policy statement says the Jones Act is critical to the long-term sustainability of the U.S. fleet, noting that without commercial capability, the U.S. government would be required to provide significantly more funds to build a replacement fleet and infrastructure while losing the pool of highly qualified Mariners needed to sail these vessels. In addition, the Navy League says the Jones Act has a positive impact on the U.S. economy.

“Shipbuilding, ship repair and ship modernization create well-paying jobs for thousands of workers and, when added to the equipment and material supply companies, add a large number of jobs to the U.S. work force,” the Navy League says.

The Navy League’s Annual Maritime Policy Statement is produced by the Navy League Maritime Policy and Resolutions Committee. To view the full policy statement, visit [http://www.navyleague.org/files/legislative\\_affairs/maritime\\_policy20122013.pdf](http://www.navyleague.org/files/legislative_affairs/maritime_policy20122013.pdf).

# SEA SERVICE NEWS



The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Northland seized 3,500 pounds of cocaine from a 35' go-fast vessel in the Caribbean Sea in early March. The crew is shown in

the photo offloading the cocaine at Coast Guard Station Miami Beach.



U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Brandon Mann, a dog handler with Alpha Company, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion sights in with his infantry automatic rifle

while providing security with Ty, an improvised explosive device detection dog. Marines and sailors with 1st LAR and India Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, conducted clearing and disrupting operations in and around the villages of Sre Kala and Paygel during Operation Highland Thunder. Marines with 1st LAR led the operation on foot, sweeping for enemy weapons and drug caches through 324 square kilometers of rough, previously unoccupied desert and marshland terrain. Mobile units with 1st LAR set up blocking positions and vehicle check points while India Company, 3/3 conducted helicopter inserts to disrupt insurgent freedom of movement.



More than 1,200 distinguished visitors filled the Patrol Squadron 30 hangar at Naval Air Station Jacksonville on March 28 to celebrate the first fleet delivery of the P-8A

Poseidon multi-mission aircraft. Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work provided keynote remarks. "As the Navy's replacement platform for the P-3C, the P-8A Poseidon is transforming how the Navy's maritime patrol and reconnaissance force will man, train, operate and deploy." After the roll-out event, attendees were invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the \$38 million P-8A Integrated Training Center (ITC). Flight crew and mission specialists are assigned to the ITC where they undertake classroom instruction as well as full-motion, simulated exercises that present the highest degree of realism.



The National Park Service announced the designation of USS Slater in New York as a National Historic Landmark. During most of the year, the Slater is kept docked in Albany and is available for tours. The destroyer

escort is nationally significant for its outstanding associations with American naval strategy and operations during World War II and as a rare and extraordinarily intact example of an important class of mass-produced warships designed for convoy protection. The design and construction of these ships reflected significant advances in technology and wartime mobilization. Destroyer escorts, such as Slater, were a vital component of the Allied strategy for victory in the Atlantic as they escorted convoys of supply and troop ships to Europe. Destroyer escorts also served in some of the most dangerous areas of the Pacific Theater. The USS Slater served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during and immediately after the war.



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West (shown in photo) released the following Chief Petty Officer birthday message to the fleet .

"My fellow Chief Petty Officers, On April 1st, our entire mess will pause to celebrate 119 years of the United States Chief Petty Officer, our honored mess traditions and heritage, and look to our future. But we're not just celebrating another year of chiefs serving the Navy; we're celebrating everything it means to be the chief. Our anchors are the symbol of a culture and a way of life. Since 1893, Chiefs have been charged with the responsibility of ensuring our Sailors are the best in the world, ready to carry out our Navy's mission when our nation calls. We welcome that responsibility and lead by example with pride, character, and loyalty, a strong commitment to leadership, our core values, and the Navy ethos. Our Navy is the best it has ever been and we must continue to build upon the strong legacy that our mess was founded on as we look toward our future. 2012 is a significant year for us all as the United States Navy Memorial hosts the 'Year of the Chief.' The 'Year of the Chief' is a worldwide spotlight on the history and contributions of the Navy CPO mess. The 'Year of the Chief' will officially be launched on our birthday with a kick-off event held April 2 at the Navy Memorial. For more information on the 'Year of the Chief', visit Navy Memorial's web page. Happy birthday shipmates! I truly appreciate your leadership and the hard work you do every day. Anchor up and HOOYAH Navy Chiefs!"



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# COAST GUARDSMAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## MK3 Eric Ocasio Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale

**Hometown:** Puerto Rico

**Duty Title:** Machinery Technician Third Class

**Time in the Coast Guard:** 4 1/2 years

**Why I joined the Coast Guard:** I wanted to get some real world experience. I always wanted to join the military and see the world.

**Greatest achievement since joining the Coast Guard:** Being deployed to the Gulf doing the anti-piracy mission because it's one of the reasons I joined. I got to help people and gain real life experience being in the front line alongside the Navy.

**Goal hoping to achieve before leaving the Coast Guard:** Getting 8 years of military experience and a Bachelor's degree.

**Plans after Coast Guard life:** I would like to do legal work within the immigration field.

**The thing I like most about my job is:** Working with people from all over the world, being able to be trusted with people's lives and having a lot of responsibility. Overall, being able to be a part of something as big as the US Coast Guard and making my family proud.

# COAST GUARD STATION FORT LAUDERDALE



Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale's Executive Officer Lt Megan McNaughton will be leaving the Station in June. LTJG Anthony Ippolito will be replacing Megan. He is shown here with his wife Jeanette and their children at the Easter egg hunt.

We wish Megan all the best and welcome Tony and his family to Station Fort Lauderdale!

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