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FORT LAUDERDALE AND BROWARD COUNTY COUNCILS HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, December 19, 2012
Coral Ridge Yacht Club
2800 Yacht Club Blvd
Fort Lauderdale 33304

6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cash Bar
7:00 P.M. Dinner & Meeting

\$35 per person

GUEST SPEAKER
CDR Andy V. Delgado, USCG
Executive Officer, USCG Air Station Miami

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Monday, December 17

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Pearl Harbor Remembrance



Broward Navy Days will host a remembrance ceremony marking the 71st anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on Sunday, December 2 at 1:00 PM at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. The last

known survivors residing in South Florida will be participating, along with the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, local Coast Guardsmen and dignitaries. Board member Alan Starr will again participate in the event. A reception will follow the ceremony. (Photo is from last year's ceremony.)

Annual Coast Guard Holiday Party



Broward Navy Days and the Broward County Council will once again co-sponsor the annual Coast Guard Holiday Party. The event will be held from 6:00 -8:00 PM on Friday, December 7 at Briny's Irish Pub, 305 S Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. There will be a free buffet for all. We encourage members to come out and show their support for the fine young men and women of Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, Air Station Miami,

Aids to Navigation and the USCGC Gannet. (Photo is from last year's celebration.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our year is coming to an end, I reflect back on what a year it has been. In January our installation of officers was held and where I became your new President. It was an exciting time for me as I was looking forward to getting to know each of you and the thought of planning out our year with monthly speakers, fundraisers and of course Fleet Week.

At our monthly meetings we heard from Capt. Robert Wilson, Lt. Leo Gray from the Tuskegee Airman, Spruance Division of the Sea Cadets to name a few. Our council hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Fort Lauderdale Station and supported 2 Coast Guard commissionings, Bernard C. Webber and Richard Etheridge.

In April, Fleet Week brought over 8,000 visitors to Port Everglades to tour the ships. The Council hosted the Junior Officers at Briny's Pub and a great time was had by all.

Mark your calendars for Fleet Week 2013 to be held April 29 thru May 4.

This year also brought the passing of a few members of the Council. They will be remembered for all they gave and support to the Council.

I would like to say "Thank You" to my officers and board members. We held monthly board meetings to plan the course of the year, you attended dinner socials, Fleet Week, fundraisers, Oktoberfest and much more. Your dedication to this Council goes above and beyond.

On January 13, 2013, our installation of officers will take place onboard the Ruby Princess and our guest speaker is a friend of the council, Capt. Rick Kenin, Chief of Staff for the 7th Coast Guard District. Please join us and invite your family and friends to come out for a wonderful day onboard this beautiful cruise ship.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to ALL,

Shelley



MORE DECEMBER EVENTS

USS TAYLOR FFG50 VISIT



The USS Taylor FFG 50 will be arriving in Port Everglades on Tuesday, December 4. There will be a reception and plaque exchange on Tuesday evening from 6 PM to 8 PM at Briny's Irish Pub. Crew members will visit the VA Hospital in Miami and local children hospitals during their visit. The ship is expected to depart on Friday, December 7.

FLIGHT 19 MEMORIAL CEREMONY



The 67th Anniversary Flight 19 - Memorial Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 1 PM. Captain Volpe of the USS Taylor and 30 crew members including the Executive Officer and Command Master Chief will be attending and the Captain is planning to speak at the ceremony. Also expected to attend will be several politicians and historians as well as veterans from WWII and other wars. The event is open to the public. The ceremony remembers the 95 servicemen that perished at the NAS Fort Lauderdale during World War II. It also commemorates the anniversary of Flight 19's disappearance, one of the largest air and sea searches in history. The museum is housed in the only remaining WWII building from the naval base and it is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is located at 4000 West Perimeter Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315—next to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Perimeter Road South to Griffin Road will be closed due to Airport Construction; Perimeter Road will remain open on the north and west side.

SHOEBOX DELIVERIES

Volunteers are still needed to deliver gift-wrapped shoeboxes filled with personal care items to mariners visiting Port Everglades during the holiday season (known as Shoebox Christmas sponsored by Seafarers' House). Board member Joe Giambrone is coordinating the schedules of the delivery volunteers and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering their time during the month of December. Volunteers may offer their services for just one day or multiple days; any help is appreciated. Volunteers must be in good physical shape since entry onto the cargo ships are often by steep ladders. Youngsters are welcome to volunteer but must be no younger than 12 years old. To find out more, contact Joe at 954-389-0545 or at giambronejm@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER DINNER SOCIAL

On November 8, the Council held their dinner social at Tropical Acres Restaurant. The Spruance Division Sea Cadets served as the color guard and carried the Marine Corps flag in honor of the Marine Corps 237th birthday. The guest speaker was Master Sergeant Abiud Montes USMC who some Council members may know. MSgt Montes he is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Navy League Council and serves as their 3rd Vice President. MSgt Montes spoke about his deployments during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom and also shared other stories related to his military and civilian life.



Above: Spruance Division Sea Cadets
Below: Guest Speaker Master Sergeant Montes



Above: Council member Marianne Giambrone with Alicia Romano, member of Fort Lauderdale Council

Below: Council members Diane Schmidt, Carolyn Marks and Joan Sefton



Below: Council Members Garry Murphy, Bob Marks and Joe Giambrone



Below: Council members Tom Jones and Alan Starr



INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

The Installation of Officers for 2013 will be held aboard the Ruby Princess at Port Everglades on Sunday, January 13, 2013 at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$35 per person and each attendee must provide required security information. The guest speaker will be Coast Guard Seventh District Chief of Staff Captain Richard M. Kenin.

A check made payable to BCNL and the security information must be received no later than December 31, 2012.

See the enclosed flyer for additional information.

Questions can be directed to Marianne Giambrone at giambronejm@gmail.com or 954-389-0545.



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MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY



The first "formal" Marine Corps Birthday Ball took place on Philadelphia in 1925. Over the years the annual Birthday Ball grew and grew and, in 1952, Commandant, General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., formalized the cake-cutting ceremony and other traditional observances. For example, Marine Corps policy now

mandates that the first piece of cake must be presented to the oldest U.S. Marine present. The second piece goes to the youngest Marine. Among the many such mandates is a solemn reading of the Commandant's birthday message to the Corps. Like the U.S. Marine Corps itself, the annual Birthday Ball has evolved from simple origins to the polished and professional functions of today. Throughout the world on November 10, U S Marines celebrate the birth of their Corps; it is a day of camaraderie, a day to honor Corps and Country.

Council members Shelly and Al Stein attended the Marine Corps 237th Birthday Ball at the Airport Hilton in Miami. Pictured with the Steins are (left to right) Lt Col Jaime Collazo and Captain Patrick Murray.



INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE LUNCHEON

On November 4, the Individual Augmentee recognition luncheon, which honored 26 Navy Operational Support Center Individual Augmentees, took place at Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes. The event was co-sponsored by the Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Broward County Navy League Councils as well as Broward Navy Days and was supported by Shula's Hotel.

South Florida Area Navy League President Chuck Black opened the event. The Spruance Division Sea Cadets presented the Colors. Broward Navy Days Chairperson Mary Anne Gray introduced RADM George W. Ballance, USN, the Commanding Officer of Theater Engagement Directorate J7 at US Southern Command. After a delicious lunch, CDR Steven D. Sutton, Commanding Officer of the Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Miami, spoke about the IA program and explained some of the roles that the IA's have filled. BMCS Thomas Rossano and OS1 Jonathan Mangual spoke about their experiences. Guest speaker Phil Dunmire, National Navy League President, thanked all the IAs for their service and talked about the importance of the IA program. After Mr. Dunmire's remarks, each IA was called up individually and was presented with a plaque, a Congressional letter of recognition and a challenge coin.



Phil Dunmire, CDR Steve Sutton, Chuck Black

Rudy Oetting, RADM Ballance

Above: BMCS Thomas Rossano
Left: OS1 Jonathan Mangual



Above: BM1 Dale Marshall, YN2 Michelle Trinidad and ABH1 Miguel Sweeney
Below: Master Chief Kingsbury and Joe Giambrone



Phil Dunmire, RADM Ballance, George Reeves

INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE LUNCHEON

Below are photos of some of the 26 Navy Operational Support Center Individual Augmentees in attendance at the recognition luncheon. Each individual was thanked by those in the reception line and presented with a plaque, a Congressional letter of recognition and a challenge coin (presented by RADM Ballance).



GUEST SPEAKERS

December Holiday Dinner Social



Commander Andy Delgado assumed his position as Executive Officer, US Coast Guard Air Station Miami in June of 2011. He manages all aspects of facilities administration, 300+ unit personnel and directs operations of five MH-65C rotary-wing and five HC-144A fixed-wing aircraft. Commander Delgado came to Miami from The Coast Guard Aviation Logistics Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he served as the Medium Range Surveillance Product Line Manager. His responsibilities included the acquisition of the Coast Guard's newest aviation asset, the HC-144A Ocean Sentry Maritime Patrol Aircraft and support of its predecessor the aging HU-25 Guardian Fan Jet.

Commander Delgado also served at US Coast Guard Air Stations Kodiak, Alaska and Clearwater, Florida and has attained over 4,800 flight hours. He qualified in four of the Coast Guard's five aircraft types, the HH-60J, HC-130H, HC-144A and is actively flying the MH-65C.

Commander Delgado is a 1991 graduate of Officer Candidate School and holds a Master of Science degree in Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School and a Bachelor of Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

His personal military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, eight Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and one Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Installation of 2013 Council Officers



Captain Richard M. Kenin reported to his current assignment as the Coast Guard Seventh District Chief of Staff in July 2011. Prior to that, he served as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Miami where he was responsible for the employment of eleven aircraft and 380 Coast Guard members executing missions throughout the Caribbean Basin. Captain Kenin earned his 'Wings of Gold' in 1987 and accumulated 15 years as an operational aviator in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. In addition to Air Station Miami, his tours of duty include Coast Guard aviation units in Mobile AL, St. Augustine FL, North Bend OR, and Houston TX, which he also commanded. His staff assignments include: Assignments Officer at the Coast Guard's Personnel Command, Coast Guard Fellow working on the staff of the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, and Executive Assistant to the Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations in Washington, D.C. In that position he led the most comprehensive reorganization of Coast Guard operations since World War II and achieved the first major step in the Commandant's Modernization plan.

Captain Kenin earned a Bachelor of Science majoring in Marine Engineering/Naval Architecture; a Masters of Public Administration from The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the National War College. He also holds civilian designation as an Airline Transport Pilot with fixed and rotary wing qualifications. A native of Anderson, SC, Captain Kenin was commissioned in 1984 upon graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy. Captain Kenin has received the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the 9/11 Medal, Coast Guard Commendation medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation as well as various service and unit awards.

SEA SERVICE NEWS



Military Sealift Command's first Mobile Landing Platform ship completed its first float out operation at the General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard in San Diego on November 13th. Designated

T-MLP-1, the ship will be named USNS Montford Point, honoring African American Marine Corps recruits who trained at Camp Montford Point, N.C, from 1942 to 1949. The first of three MLPs planned for construction at NASSCO, Montford Point is scheduled to be christened in March 2013 and delivered to MSC in May 2013. The MLP is a new class of auxiliary support ship, scheduled to join MSC's Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF). These ships will be the centerpiece of the Navy's "Sea Base" concept, and will serve as a transfer point for Marine Corps amphibious landing forces between large ships and small landing craft. They will provide the capability to transfer vehicles and equipment at-sea, improving the U.S. military's ability to deliver equipment and cargo from ship to shore when land bases do not exist.



The Coast Guard Cutter William Flores, the third of a planned 58 Sentinel-class Fast

Response Cutters, was commissioned at the Port of Tampa on November 3rd. The commissioning was held in Tampa to honor the history of the cutter's namesake. On the night of January 28, 1980, Coast Guard Seaman William "Billy" Flores, 18, died while assisting his shipmates after the Coast Guard Cutter Blackthorn, collided with a large merchant vessel in the Tampa Bay ship channel. His heroism and sacrifice serve as an example for all Coast Guard members and inspire the ship's motto of "courage in adversity." Lt. Cmdr. Craig Allen is the commanding officer of the Coast Guard Cutter William Flores and is shown in photo speaking to guests during the commissioning ceremony. The William Flores is home ported in Miami.



Fourteen Sailors from the USS Bataan (LHD 5) volunteered to help build homes with Beaches Habitat for Humanity in Jacksonville in early November. Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit housing organization that has served 2.5 million people worldwide and helped build more than 500,000 homes. Sailors helped build two duplex homes, two single family homes, and rehabilitate a four-unit apartment during this community relations project. Their help was particularly appreciated by the Habitat staff. Bataan was in port at Naval Station Mayport to participate in the Week of Valor hosted by the city of Jacksonville. The ship's flight deck was the location for the Navy-Marine Corps Classic basketball game between the University of Florida Gators and the Georgetown University Hoyas on November 9th.

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Marines and Sailors with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group celebrated

237 years of Marine Corps history with a cake-cutting ceremony aboard the ships of the Iwo Jima ARG in honor of the Marine Corps birthday, November 10-11. The USS Iwo Jima, New York and Gunston Hall hosted respective ceremonies. Their Marines and Sailors enjoying a special meal and birthday cake as the ships sailed through the Mediterranean Sea toward the Strait of Gibraltar. The birthday was even more special for the Marines and Sailors of the New York as it was the first Marine Corps birthday celebration aboard her decks. The New York, built with seven-and-a-half tons of steel from the World Trade Center, is wrapping up her maiden deployment, carrying over 600 Marines of the 24th MEU. The ceremony allowed the Marines and Sailors aboard all three ships an opportunity to build camaraderie and esprit de corps among their Navy counterparts, who they have been deployed with since March.



In less than 3 days, NAVFAC Southeast Sailors and contractors constructed the basketball court on the flight deck.

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SHIP VISIT



US Navy guided missile cruiser, USS PHILIPPINE SEA, visited the Port of Miami from November 16-21. The ship is commanded by Captain Steve Shinego, a South Florida native. Captain Shinego was raised in Hallandale Beach; he attended the University of Florida, earning a BS in Engineering (honors), and was commissioned in December 1987.

The following is an excerpt from a NBCMiami news report:

The USS Philippine Sea sailed into Miami on Friday with a South Florida native at the helm. Captain Steve Shinego, who grew up in Hallandale, seems born to command a warship. "I am responsible and accountable for this ship. It's a \$1.5 billion asset, taxpayer-owned," he said in an interview on deck. "We do carry a lot of weapons on board." He rattled off the ship's capabilities and its multiple missions, which include anti-air warfare, ballistic missile defense and anti-submarine warfare. The Navy has a lot of ships, but the USS Philippine Sea was recently chosen for a special honor: to dispose of the remains of an American hero, astronaut Neil Armstrong. "The ceremony was so dignified and professional and really beautiful," Shinego said. You could say Capt. Shinego is an ambassador for the Navy – but he never forgets his humble roots. "Five children, 1100-square-foot house in the northwest corner of Hallandale," he said. "It meant something when we were growing up if you lived west of the Intracoastal, and it meant something if you said you lived west of U.S. 1, and you surely knew it meant something if you lived west of Dixie Highway. We lived far west of Dixie Highway." Shinego says there's a way to succeed no matter where you come from. "It's there if you want it, you just have to want to study, you have to want to do your best," he said. Shinego did. He got an ROTC scholarship to the University of Florida, and landed on the same ship he now leads. "I served 44 months on this ship from 1988 to 1992. The poetry of coming full circle back again as the commanding officer has been fun, and has been a pleasure. It has been a goal, once I decided to stay in the Navy," he said. "But there's no place I would rather be than right here with this crew."





NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA COUNCIL



Installation of Officers for 2013
aboard the Ruby Princess
Port Everglades, Florida
on Sunday, January 13, 2013 at 11:30 AM

Guest Speaker will be
Captain Richard Kenin USCG
Coast Guard Seventh District Chief of Staff

The following officers will be installed:
President – Shelley Beck
First Vice President – Glenn Wiltshire
Second Vice President – Erwin Sefton
VP Legislative Affairs – Robert Marks
Secretary – Teresa Perez
JAG – Frederick Heidgerd

Boarding begins at approximately 10:30 AM
followed by Installation and Luncheon
\$35 per person

Princess requires all attendees to submit security information
Mail information below along with your check payable to BCNL
no later than December 31, 2012
(reservations CANNOT be guaranteed after this date)

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RECENT EVENTS



MSgt Montes with Council President Shelley Beck at the November dinner social



BMCS Thomas Rossano passes through the receiving line which includes Council President Shelley Beck and Navy League President Phil Dunmire

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