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THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

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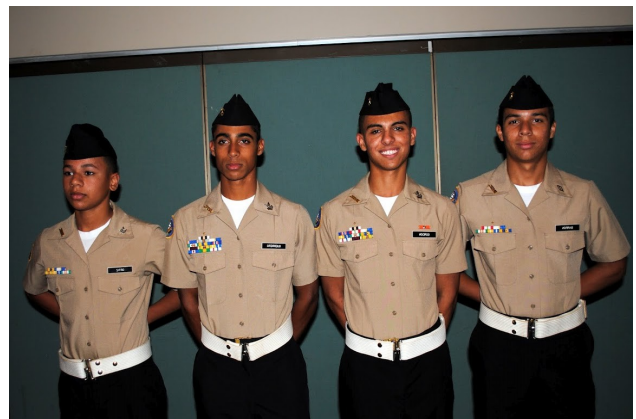
**Proceed\$ will be used
for the Marine Fund**

Minimum of 15% of your meal ticket will be donated to our Council

MAY DINNER SOCIAL



Lt. Christopher Jasnoch (photo above), the Liaison Officer to the Coast Guard Junior Leadership Program at the MAST Academy on Virginia Key was the guest speaker at our May dinner social. The Program was formed by a congressional mandate which was modeled off of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) units of other Services. Lt. Jasnoch's presentation gave those in attendance a good understanding of the program at MAST Academy. Flanagan High School JROTC unit (photo below) presented the colors. They are under the leadership of LCDR Jim Stauffer.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we reflect back on the true meaning of Memorial Day, I hope each of you took the time to remember those men and women who are fighting overseas for our freedom. We must never forget those who took the ultimate sacrifice and gave of their life during the many wars we honored on this day.

May 22nd was National Maritime Day, which marks the day when, in 1819, the SS Savannah sailed from Savannah, GA to Liverpool, England and made the first successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean by a ship using steam propulsion. Each year, on this day, the men and women currently serving in the American Merchant Marine are honored. I want to thank Graeme Holman, council member and Head of Operations at the STAR Center for organizing a wonderful event at the AMO headquarters building in Dania Beach to honor our local Mariners. Attending from our council was Mary Anne Gray, Garry Murphy, Kris Hopkins, Alan Starr and myself.

If you were unable to attend our May dinner social, you missed an excellent speaker, Lt. Christopher Jasnoch. He serves as the Liaison Officer to the Coast Guard Junior Leader Program at the MAST Academy located on Virginia Key. A very enlightening presentation with lots of questions by members.

As we are half way through the year, June holds many significant days in which we again must reflect and remember those who gave back this great country – June 4, 1942; Battle of Midway begins / June, 1942; D-Day and June 14th is Flag Day. Please fly your flag with pride.

There will not be a dinner social for the month of June, as board member Lynn Bender has organized a night out at Galuppi's in Pompano Beach. This will be a fundraiser for the council. Please mark your calendar for June 21 and join us for an evening of socializing.

June 20th is the first day of summer which means that we will not be meeting as a council during the months of July and August. This is a time for family vacations and I want to say be safe in your travels and I look forward to seeing you all back in the fall for our September dinner social where we will be honored to have the Spruance Division of Sea Cadets as our guests.

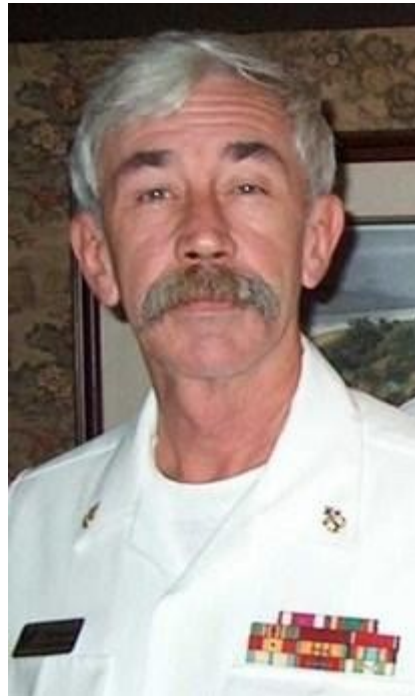
I am working on some other fundraising events, day trips and will keep you all abreast of any upcoming activities we have planned over the summer.

My sympathy goes out to the family of Tim Neary, long-time member of the council. He will be missed.

Shelley Beck



REMEMBERING



**Timothy
John
Neary**

1947—2012

Long time council member Tim Neary passed away on April 25, 2012. Tim and his wife, Gayle Malone-Neary, are both life members of the Navy League and both served on the board of the Broward County Council. Tim also was very active in Broward Navy Days, VFW Post 2966 and the Chief Petty Officers Association of Miami.

Tim lived a life of service to his community and his country. He enlisted in the Navy in 1966 and in 1971 transferred from active duty to the Navy Reserves. He retired in 1992 as a Chief Petty Officer. Tim worked as a civilian employee of the United States Coast Guard ESU Miami for the past 12 years.

Tim requested cremation with burial at sea and a party. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at Bravo Italiano Ristorante, 1515 SE 17th Street Causeway, Fort Lauderdale from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Friends and family are encouraged to attend this event to lift a glass and share their memories of Tim. (Note that there will be bagpipes.)

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Navy Memorial (www.navymemorial.org), the Armed Forces Service Center at Miami International Airport (www.militaryloungemiami.com) or a charity of your choice.

Note: Above information was taken from obituary which appeared in local newspaper.

CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

As of the end of May, the Council has mailed 830 care packages to our deployed Marines. Thanks to the generosity of those Council members who have made it possible.

The Council will continue to send care packages to our deployed Marines over the summer months. You can support the program this month by bringing a friend (or two) to Galuppi's Restaurant on June 21 and having drinks and dinner. Galuppi's will be donating 15% of the food and beverage sales to our Council for our Care Package Program.

The Council recently received the following email of thanks.

The care packages did reach us at Animal Company and I want to thank you for your devotion to these young warriors. We are all doing very well and the support from you and the Navy League have not gone un-noticed. Thank you and Semper Fidelis from the Marines and Sailors of 1/7 Animal Company.

s/f

*Easter C. J.
Company 1stSgt
Animal Company*

Following are additional emails:

Hey Sir just wanted to drop you a note that we received one of the boxes today. I snuck out the Jolly Ranchers before I put the box out for the Marines. I felt bad doing it, but I think the Marines will understand. Again thanks for all the support and we all appreciate the snacks.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Leibfried, Alex J
1stSgt USMC
Baker Company 1stSgt*

Your package was received by me here at COP Tabac. I would like to extend my gratitude to you, your wife and all that you do for all deployed Marines.

Attached you find a thank you letter from several Marines. Please review. Again, thanks.

*Semper Fi,
1stSgt Young, D. B.
Dog Company
1st Battalion, 7th Marines
COP Alcatraz
Sangin, Helmand Province*

(Editor's Note—letter is on following page)



The Council continues to partner with the Rotary Club of Weston to send care packages to the Marines. The above was sent to the Rotary Club by the 1/9 Marines expressing their appreciation for the boxes

CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM—THANK YOU



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From: Dog Company Personnel
To: Alan Stein

1. On behalf of the Marines, Sailors, and civilians of Combat Outpost (COP) Tabac, Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. I would like to extend a kind and humbling thank you for your consistent support to all military service members and civilians. Your efforts can not go unnoticed.
2. Our company is very grateful for your generous gifts that were received in the care package. Your charitable donation of much-needed supplies will directly benefit our company. Thank you so much for the snacks, hygiene items, reading material and etc. It's a big hit with all personnel assigned to the COP! We'd like you to know that your thoughtfulness has truly made a difference in the lives of so many men and women aboard COP Tabac. Again, thanks for your hospitality.
3. Point of contact is First Sergeant Donald B. Young at donald.young@afghan.usmc.mil.

Call to
Donald B. Young
D. B. YOUNG
Ad R depts
Robert [unclear]
Steven Barone
Avron Haritz
Jeff [unclear]
ISA GARNER
Grant [unclear]

While this letter is addressed to Alan Stein, it is meant for every Council member who has contributed so generously towards the care package program. Your support is truly appreciated by these brave Marines.

JROTC AWARDS

May is the month when most high school students are anxiously awaiting the end of the school year. It is also the month when the Council-sponsored high school JROTC units hold their award nights. These award nights keep Council Youth Programs Director Alan Starr very busy as he attends each event, informs the cadets and parents about the Navy League and presents a scholarship check to each JROTC unit's outstanding cadet as well as the Teddy Roosevelt youth medal to a cadet chosen for outstanding performance. The youth medal award consists of a medal, ribbon bar, certificate and pamphlet on President Teddy Roosevelt. The Teddy Roosevelt youth medal is usually awarded to a junior while the scholarship check is awarded to a senior.

This year, the following cadets were recognized:

Cooper City High School NJROTC: Wyatt Deleon was awarded the scholarship check and Tate Jager was presented with the Teddy Roosevelt medal.

Flanagan High School NJROTC; Lyanne Bonilla was awarded the scholarship check and Syep Ashraf was presented with the Teddy Roosevelt medal.

Krop High School NJROTC: Gabriella Platero was presented with the Teddy Roosevelt medal. There was no scholarship check awarded.

Nova High School NJROTC: Tracy Martins was awarded the scholarship check and Maria Jaimes was presented with the Teddy Roosevelt medal.

Stranahan High School MCJROTC: Joel Luc was awarded the scholarship check and Laura Mosquera was presented with the Teddy Roosevelt medal.

Taravella High School NJROTC; Danielle Serrano (shown below with Alan Starr) was presented with the Teddy Roosevelt medal. There was no scholarship check awarded.



Shown in top photo is Cooper City cadet Wyatt Deleon and in the bottom photo is Tate Jager.



Shown in photo above is Alan Starr as he talks to the students and parents at Cooper City High School in attendance at the awards night

FLIGHT 19

The Travel Channel visited the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum in March to film a documentary segment on Flight 19 for their series "Mysteries at the Museum" hosted by Don Wildman. They filmed on location for a full day and used several artifacts and photographs for their story. Each episode has three segments. The episode with the Flight 19 story will be the 9th episode of the current season and is tentatively scheduled to air on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 9 PM on the Travel Channel. Please check your local listings for what should prove to be a very interesting show.



Rob, Laura and Chris from the Travel Channel

Story and photo courtesy of the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum's May newsletter

AIR STATION MIAMI

Council President Shelley Beck and Board member Glenn Wiltshire recently presented monetary awards and certificates to Coast Guard Air Station Miami's 4th quarter 2011 Enlisted Person of the Quarter AMT1 Randy Jopp and 2nd quarter 2012 Enlisted Person of the Quarter AET3 Eric Ernst. Captain Joseph Kimball, Commanding Officer, is also shown in the photo.



COMMISSIONING



The commissioning of the second Sentinel Class Coast Guard ship, the USCGC RICHARD ETHERIDGE (WPC-1102), will take place on Friday, August 3rd at Port Everglades.

The 24-person crew assigned to the Richard Etheridge will conduct additional testing and evaluation prior to its commissioning. The cutter will be homeported in Miami and will primarily perform missions to save lives, enforce U.S. and international maritime law, and ensure security in the Coast Guard's 7th District off the Southeastern coast of the U.S. and in the Caribbean Sea.

All Fast Response Cutters delivered as part of the Sentinel-class are named after enlisted Coast Guard heroes. Richard Etheridge became the first African-American to command a life-saving station when the service appointed him as the keeper of the Pea Island Life-Saving Station in North Carolina in 1880. On October 11, 1896, Etheridge's rigorous training drills proved to be invaluable when the three-masted schooner, the E.S. Newman, was caught in a terrifying storm. The vessel was blown 100 miles off course and came ashore on the beach two miles south of the Pea Island station. Etheridge gathered his crew and they fought their way through the roaring breakers and finally reached the schooner. The Pea Island crewmembers journeyed through the perilous waters 10 times and finally rescued the entire crew of the E.S. Newman. For this rescue, the crew, including Etheridge, was awarded the Coast Guard's Gold Lifesaving Medal.

SEAPOWERS MAGAZINES

REMINDER

If you discard your *SeaPower* magazines after reading them each month, please consider saving them over the summer months. In September, bring them to the dinner social where Board member Dottie Kirk will be glad to take them from you. Dottie shares them with the many veterans that live in her complex.

FLEET WEEK

The Council received the following letter of appreciation:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to you and your very fine Navy League organization for providing the opportunity for the FLANAGAN NJROTC unit to attend the Fleet Week ship visit on Friday, April 27. We went aboard the USS WASP and USS SAN JACINTO. The visit was an eye-opening experience for the cadets. They were able to see and touch Navy equipment that previously had only been available to them via pictures in a textbook. The sailors they encountered were so highly motivated and brought great credit to their ships and the US Navy.

I realize the days are long for you and your Navy League team as you spend all weekend at the piers serving the general public. Please know the service you provide has tremendous value as a professional development building experience for my very impressionable and highly motivated cadets.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on May 10th, where we will present the colors.

All the best,

*J. STAUFFER
LCDR (USN Ret.)
Senior Naval Science Instructor
Flanagan NJROTC*

Below is a thank you letter to all those Council members that volunteered during Fleet Week:

Shelley and Sandra,

Thanks so much for taking charge of the volunteers for Fleet Week. We would not be able to run Fleet Week if it were not for the support of all the volunteers. I want to thank everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to support the military and Fleet Week.

Please send this thank you out to all your volunteers. I will be working on some type of thank you celebration for everyone!

*Mary Anne Gray, Chairman
Broward Navy Days, Inc.*

Another letter of appreciation by an Operation Homefront supporter:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to tour the USS Gettysburg and USS Dallas. When I used to travel to San Diego for work, I could see Coronado Island from my hotel room. I yearned for a chance to tour the ships. For the past eight years, I have watched the ships pull in and out of Port Everglades. I never thought I would have the opportunity to tour the ships. You have given me a once in a lifetime opportunity. I gained a new appreciation of the sacrifices that our brave military men and women make for our country.

*Thank you,
Heather*

The following letter appeared in the Sun Sentinel.

LETTERS

Thanks for an incredible Fleet Week

As we sail past the Port Everglades jetties on our way home, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Broward County Navy League, Broward Navy Days, and most importantly the City of Fort Lauderdale for hosting your Navy during Fleet Week this year.

It was an incredible experience. You treated our sailors like rock stars, and made us all feel incredibly welcome.

Having been raised in Fort Lauderdale, I love that my favorite city in the world continues to improve with age. We look forward to our return voyages.

I wish you all fair winds and following seas.

Bob Hein, Captain US Navy, Commanding Officer, USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)

Below is photo of Captain Hein as he arrived in Port Everglades and saw his parents—council members Bob and Denise Hein—standing shoreside



YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED

Please complete and return to BCNL, P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339

Please rank-order what is most important to you in attending a Navy League dinner meeting.

Rank items numerically

- Convenience of event location
- Cost
- Availability of parking
- My interest in the scheduled speakers
- Topics covered are interesting or useful to me
- Timing of event fit into my schedule
- Opportunity for networking / socializing time
- Support to the Navy League
- Keeping up to date about Navy League news and events
- Food

What barriers (if any) keep you from attending regularly?

Do you prefer networking / socializing before, during, or after an event?

Please rank-order your preference of the following presentation topics.

Rank items numerically

- Current military issues
- Historical military presentations
- Current local / regional political issues
- Navy League news and events

Suggestions for future topics:

Suggestions for speakers:

How would you rate your overall satisfaction with Navy League dinner meetings?

Very Satisfied Satisfied Neutral Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

Suggestions for improvements:

If you would like someone to contact you, please provide your name and phone number:

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FLEET WEEK



Girl Scout Troop 355 visited the USS Gettysburg during Fleet Week. They also provided a care package for crew member OS2 Valerie Heinssen and will continue to send packages to her. OS2 Heinssen asked the Scouts to send her a travel teddy bear; she will take photos of the bear at various ports and send them to the Scouts.

The Council arranged for sailors from the USS Gettysburg to help out at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum during Fleet Week.

Board member Erwin Sefton accompanied 14 sailors to the Museum where they painted both inside and outside the building.



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