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## OKTOBERFEST

## SEPTEMBER SOCIAL



BROWARD COUNTY  
AND  
FORT LAUDERDALE  
COUNCILS

Invite you to a joint

OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 6:30 – 9:30 PM

Old Heidelberg Restaurant  
900 W State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale

\$30 per person (\$25 for military)

German Fare with soup, salad, choice of entrée  
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Mail your check payable to NLUS along  
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### Oktoberfest



On September 13, the Spruance Division Sea Cadets shared their summer training experiences with the Council. Shown above are cadets Lorenzo Gari, Zachary Valhovsky, Gabriel Rodriguez, Jacob Wallace and Paul Paguaga.

Proud Commanding Officer Alan M. Starr is shown below with Jack Studiale, owner of Tropical Acres.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we close out September, those of you who were unable to attend our September dinner social, missed a great evening from our guest speakers, the Spruance Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, having been chartered by Congress on September 10, 1962 as the Navy's youth development program. This program is led by Board Member and Past President, Alan Starr.

Congratulations to Alan Starr on your selection as the Florida Navy League Youth Coordinator.

Some upcoming dates of interest:

October 7, 2001 – Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan

October 13, 1775 – U.S. Navy established

I look forward to seeing everyone at our joint Oktoberfest Celebration on October 11th at the Old Heidelberg Restaurant. This is an opportunity to mingle and socialize with our friends from the Fort Lauderdale Council Navy League.

Another great event coming up is our IA luncheon on November 4th. See details in this issue.

It is with regret that I accepted the resignation from Anita Carmell as a Council member and longtime board member. Anita, thank you for all the years you gave of your time to support the Broward County Council Navy League. You will be missed.

Happy Halloween,

Shelley



## IA RECOGNITION



Last year Fort Lauderdale and Everglades Councils along with Broward Navy Days joined our Council in sponsoring an award luncheon for 21 Individual Augmentees – IAs – mostly Navy Reservists assigned to our area NOSC, an adopted Council unit. IAs are active duty or reservists who've been deployed

to conflict zones throughout the world for indefinite periods to support Army and Marine combat forces. Over 100,000 IAs have been assigned overseas and Navy League Councils in Florida have been in the forefront in recognizing them.

CDR Steve Sutton, Commanding Officer of NOSC Miami, has identified 25 IAs from his 630 reservist command and we will honor them at a luncheon/awards ceremony on Sunday, November 4, 2012, at Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes. The event is scheduled to coincide with NOSC's drill weekend. The luncheon will start promptly at 11:30 AM and the cost will be \$30 per person (\$35 at the door). The guest speaker is not yet confirmed. The menu includes salad, chicken scaloppini with potatoes and vegetables and dessert. Dress is business casual.

Shula's is located at 6842 Main Street, Miami Lakes. Valet and self-parking will be available.

Sign up early and join us in honoring these fine Navy men and women. Send your check, payable to BCNL, to Tom Jones, 6201 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Plantation FL 33317.

Additional information will be in the next issue of The Helmsman and will also be sent out on email.

*Below is photo taken at last year's event:*





# SEPTEMBER DINNER SOCIAL



Ivy Francis (left) and Marilyn Gari are two of the team members that support the Spruance Division Sea Cadets



Cadet Jacob Wallace

Mary Anne Gray, Chairperson of Broward Navy Days enjoyed the evening along with Garry Murphy



Cadet Paul Paguaga



President Shelley Beck



Cadet Zachary Valhovskiy

Board members Charles Schmidt (left) and Robert Marks



Cadet Lorenzo Gari



Cadet Gabriel Rodriguez

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There are numerous events taking place in South Florida over the next few months. Hope you will attend at least one of them!

### [5K Run/Walk sponsored by Fort Lauderdale Council – October 13](#)

The Fort Lauderdale Council is celebrating the 237th birthday of the US Navy by sponsoring the Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5K Run/Walk. The event will be held on Hollywood Beach Broadwalk on October 13 and starts at 7:30 AM (registration starts at 6:00 AM). The link to the registration page is [www.ftlseacadets.org](http://www.ftlseacadets.org). All proceeds from this event will benefit the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps Youth Development Program and the Wounded Warrior Project.

### [Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall – October 19–21 – Davie](#)

The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall is a three-quarter scale replica and is dedicated to all Americans who served in Vietnam and honors all veterans of the United States military forces. It will be available for viewing 24 hours a day from Friday, October 19, to Sunday, October 21, at the Forest Lawn South Funeral Home (The Pyramid) at 2401 Davie Road in Davie.

### [South Florida Navy Ball – October 20 – Miami Beach](#)

Join the Navy's celebration of 237 years of service and tradition in South Beach. There will be a sunset social (champagne and cigars) at 5:30 PM followed by the ball from 6:00 – midnight. Admiral James G. Stavridis is tentatively scheduled as the guest speaker. Tickets can be purchased on-line at [sfnavyball.com](http://sfnavyball.com) and are \$85 for civilians.

### [South Florida Coast Guard Gala – October 27 – Fort Lauderdale](#)

The South Florida Coast Guard Association will hold its annual gala billed as “an evening honoring its partners in service” at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Hotel and Resort. The keynote speaker is Lt. Col Leo R. Gray of the Tuskegee Airmen. Tickets are \$100 per person for civilians and can be purchased on-line at [thesfcga.com](http://thesfcga.com).

### [Wings Over Homestead – November 3 and November 4 – Homestead](#)

The Air Force Thunderbirds and the Army's Gold Knights parachute team star at Homestead Air Reserve Base. For more information, go to [Wingsoverhomestead.com](http://Wingsoverhomestead.com)

## MEMBER TO BE HONORED



Denise Johnston of the Council's community affiliate Resolve Marine Group, Inc., will be honored at the 17th Annual South Florida Business Leaders' Luncheon. Denise is the Director of the Resolve Maritime Academy; she previously was the Director of Administration for the Resolve Marine Group. Lynn Shatas of Florida Power and Light and Betty Ann Rogacki of International Warehouse Services Inc. will also be honored. The event is sponsored by Seafarers' House and will be held aboard the MS Noordam in Port Everglades on November 16, 2012. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased on-line at [www.seafarershouse.org/events](http://www.seafarershouse.org/events). Security information and payment must be made by November 2. Raffle tickets are available (you do not have to attend the event to purchase them) for \$25 each or 5 for \$100; the grand prize is a 7-day cruise for two from Holland America Line. You can call Cynthia at 954-734-1580 to purchase the tickets for the event or the raffle tickets.

## CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM



A total of 30 packages of mostly snack items have been mailed to the 2/7 Echo Company by the Council.

While the thank you note is very short, it is obvious that these items are appreciated

by our brave military serving far away from home. It may seem that you read regular requests in The Helmsman for items for the care packages or financial assistance in sending them, but that is because we must continue to show our support. If you would like to help, please bring personal care or snack items to any Council event or send a check payable to the BCNL to Tom Jones, 6201 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Plantation FL 33317. Be sure to indicate that the donation is for the care package program.

Sir,

*The Marines of Echo Company received your first two packages yesterday.  
Thank you very much for the support, these items went VERY quickly.*

*Thanks again*

*1stSgt Brian Monroe  
2/7 Echo Co*



## SEA SERVICE NEWS



The Freedom-variant littoral combat ship Fort Worth (LCS 3) was commissioned on September 22 at the Port of Galveston, Texas. The ship's name honors the city of Fort Worth, Texas, which has supported the U.S.

military as home to ranger outposts, training facilities, aviation depots, and defense manufacturing for more than 140 years. A fast, agile, and innovative surface combatant, the LCS 3 is capable of speeds in excess of 40 knots and can operate in water less than 20 feet deep. Fort Worth will be a platform for launch and recovery of manned and unmanned vehicles, serving to enhance maritime security and performing the core capabilities that define the Navy. Its modular design will support interchangeable mission packages, allowing the ship to be reconfigured for antisubmarine warfare, mine warfare, or surface warfare missions on an as-needed basis. Fort Worth will be manned by one of two rotational crews and augmented by one of three mission package crews during focused mission assignments.



Vice Adm. Peter Neffenger, Deputy Commandant for Operations, visited the crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Bernard C. Webber on September 25, 2012. The speed, stability and firepower of the Bernard C. Webber

delivers tremendous lifesaving, law enforcement, and homeland security capabilities. Neffenger answered questions from the crew and participated in training with a boarding team. Armed with a 25-mm chain gun and four .50 caliber machine guns, the Fast Response Cutter Bernard C. Webber provides lethal homeland security firepower.



On September 24, former President George W. Bush kicked off a golf tournament for wounded members and veterans of the U.S. military. Twenty-two military members wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan participated in the two-day Warrior Open. The tournament, now in its second year, is part of the George W. Bush Institute's Military Service Initiative. Since leaving office, Bush has focused on the work of his institute, which is part of the George W. Bush Presidential Center. The

center is set to open in the spring and will include Bush's presidential library and museum.

## SLATE OF 2013 OFFICERS

The following is the slate of Council Officers for 2013.

President: Shelley Beck  
First Vice President: Glenn Wiltshire  
Second Vice President: Erwin Sefton  
Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Robert Marks  
Secretary: Teresa Perez  
Treasurer: No candidate  
JAG: Frederick "Fritz" Heidgerd

Write-in candidates will be accepted by the secretary until October 31, 2012. The name of the proposed candidate and office for which they wish to be considered must be accompanied by 20 signatures of council members in good standing. Mail information to Secretary, BCNL, P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339.

Elections will be held at the November dinner social. Members must be present to vote.

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## HONORING THE USS BATAAN



Most of you know that the USS Bataan was adopted by our Council in February 2006. For those of you who do not know much about the Bataan, following are some facts:

USS Bataan (LHD 5) was commissioned September 20, 1997. Bataan is the fifth ship in the WASP class of United States Navy multipurpose amphibious assault ships. Bataan is 844 feet long, with a beam of 106 feet. Her well deck is 267 feet long and capable of holding three landing craft air-cushion vehicles. Two steam propulsion plants, developing a combined 70,000 horsepower, drive the 40,500-ton ship in excess of 20 knots. The ship's living areas can accommodate approximately 3,200 crewmembers and embarked troops.

In 2011, Bataan deployed three months ahead of their original schedule to relieve USS Kearsarge and completed a ten-and-a-half-month deployment to both the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility. This is the longest deployment by a U.S. Navy ship since 1973. Returning after completing her mission in February, 2012, the ship is in homeport at Naval Station Norfolk, where the crew is actively engaged in completing a planned maintenance availability which will ready Bataan for return to operations and national tasking.

Below the crew performs flight deck fire drills.



The Council recently recognized 3 of the finest sailors aboard the Bataan for their accomplishments. The sailors of the quarter were presented with a certificate and financial award.

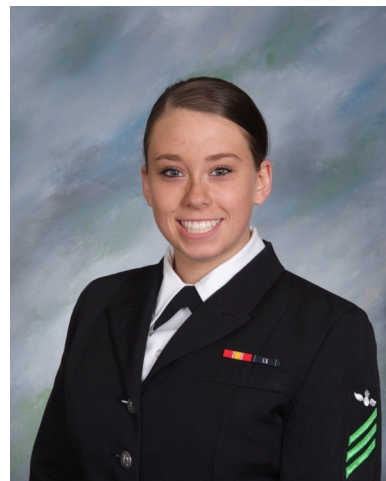
Sailor of the Quarter - AC2(AW/SW) Dante C. Spangnolo



Junior Sailor of the Quarter - CS3(SW) Joshua Skinner



Blue Jacket of the Quarter - AOAN(AW/SW) Stacy Colmore





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# TEDDY ROOSEVELT MEDAL



Cadet Gabriel Rodriguez was awarded the Navy League's Youth Medal, commonly referred to as the Teddy Roosevelt medal, during the September dinner social. Shown in the photo are Gabriel's grandmother Susan Baez (left) and his mother Maria Rodriguez. Also shown is LCDR Alan Starr.



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