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DECEMBER SOCIAL

Fort Lauderdale and Broward County Councils held a joint holiday dinner on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. The guest speaker was CDR Andres Delgado, USCG who is the Executive Officer at Coast Guard Air Station Miami. Outgoing Fort Lauderdale President Rudy Oetting was honored for his service to the Council.



CDR Delgado addresses the group

Rudy Oetting is shown with his award



JANUARY EVENT

The Installation of Officers for 2013 will be held aboard the Ruby Princess at Port Everglades at 11:30 AM on Sunday, January 13, 2013.

The following individuals will be installed into office:

- President – Shelley Beck
- First Vice President – Glenn Wiltshire
- Second Vice President – Erwin Sefton
- VP Legislative Affairs – Robert Marks
- Secretary – Teresa Perez
- Treasurer: Thomas “Tom” Carney
- JAG – Frederick “Fritz” Heidgerd

The guest speaker will be Coast Guard Captain Richard M. Kenin. Captain 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.

Reservations for the event were due by December 31st.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Council and our sincere thanks goes to Princess Cruises for hosting the event.



DECEMBER EVENTS

USS TAYLOR FFG50 VISIT



The USS Taylor FFG 50 arrived in Port Everglades on Tuesday, December 4 and a reception was held for the crew that evening at the Council's community affiliate, Briny's Irish Pub.

Members of the local Navy League Councils enjoyed a great evening with the crew of the Taylor.



PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

On December 2, Broward Navy Days hosted a remembrance ceremony at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale marking the 71st anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. The ceremony was very well attended; the guest speaker was Captain Rick Kenin, U S Coast Guard. Two survivors of Pearl Harbor were in attendance—Abe Stein and Edward Hammond.



Above from left: Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, Abe Stein and Captain Kenin

Below: Edward Hammond is assisted to the wreath ceremony



Council members Connie Christensen and Joe Giambrone

FLIGHT 19 CEREMONY

Each year it's a solemn ceremony - military and aviation officials ring a bell 14 times, once for every crew member lost on Flight 19, a squadron of five Navy torpedo bombers that took off from Fort Lauderdale on December 5, 1945, never to return.

Flight 19, also known as the Lost Patrol, took off on a routine navigational exercise shortly after the war ended. About 90 minutes into the mission, flight leader Lt. Charles Taylor radioed that he was lost, his compasses malfunctioning. Meanwhile night and stormy weather set in. Experts think the five single-engine TBM Avengers ran out of fuel and ditched in the Atlantic east of Daytona Beach. Another 13 servicemen perished when their search plane crashed. Because the planes have never been found, the Lost Patrol remains one of aviation's great mysteries and popularized the myth of the Bermuda Triangle.

Cmdr Dennis J. Volpe, commanding officer of the USS Taylor and 30 crew members including the Executive Officer and Command Master Chief attended this year's event which was held at the Naval Air Station Museum. Cmdr Volpe addressed the audience and Boatswains Mate Second Glass Justin Plank (shown in photo below) had the honor of ringing the memorial bell.



COAST GUARD HOLIDAY PARTY

Broward Navy Days and the Council co-sponsored the annual Coast Guard Holiday Party which was held on Friday, December 7 at Briny's Irish Pub. The following are photos from the event.



CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

The Hollywood Academy of Arts and Sciences, (under the leadership of Principal Donte Fulton-Collins) completed a project to show support for our Marines currently serving in Afghanistan. They collected more than 425 pounds of snacks and toiletries which were picked up by Shelly and Al Stein, Council Directors, who prepared the packages for shipping. The goal was for the packages to arrive in time for the holidays so that our military serving so very far from home realize that they are being remembered and that their sacrifices are appreciated.

Many students wrote letters and cards which were included in the packages. The project was spearheaded by Trudy Sacco, Media Center/Administrative Assistant, and Jennifer Becraft, Student Services Coordinator.



from left to right: Jennifer Becraft, Kaelen McCaghren (who, along with his 3 siblings who are also students at the school, were major contributors to this effort) and Trudy Sacco

A special thanks to everyone who participated in this generous and caring effort to support our deployed Marines.

Donations of care package items can be made at any Council event. Monetary donations are especially needed to cover the cost of postage for these packages.

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

Following is the tentative schedule of the Council's social events for 2013. Check your email and information in The Helmsman for specifics about each event.

January 13 - installation of Council officers
February 14
March 14
March 23 – Annual Coast Guard Easter egg hunt/BBQ
April 11
May 9
June 13
September 19
October 10
November 14
December 12

Attendance at the Council's social events has decreased in recent months. It is imperative that our members attend these events so that funds can be raised to continue our support of the military. If you have suggestions for a specific speaker or venue, please contact the board via the Council's email (bcnavyleague@yahoo.com).

Council Board of Directors meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month at the Port Everglades Administration building. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like to attend a meeting, please contact the board via the Council's email.

The 2013 Board meeting schedule is as follows:
January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, August 26, October 7, November 4, December 2

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

BROWARD VA CLINIC



In December, the House approved a bill to rename the Broward Veterans Affairs Outpatient health clinic on Commercial Boulevard in Sunrise the William 'Bill' Kling VA Clinic, in honor of the long-

time leader and advocate for military veterans in South Florida. Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, a Weston Democrat, introduced the bill, backed by fellow members from Florida.

Bill Kling was a tireless veteran activist and fierce advocate for veterans. For 8 years, he served on the Florida Commission on Veterans' Affairs, and for the past 27 years, he was the president of the Broward County Veterans Council. In 2008, the new 98,000-square-foot clinic opened in Sunrise, much to his credit. Bill Kling passed away in August at the age of 84.

HONORING OUR MILITARY

On December 2, 2012, Past Council President George Reeves attended an awards ceremony at the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC). George presented the following individuals with a financial award and a certificate recognizing their accomplishments.

Sailors of the Year - YN1 Caleb Burney (FTS) and BM1 Dale Marshall (Selres)

Junior Sailor of the Year -- HM2 Alvaro Delapuenta (Selres)

Bluejacket of the Year -- HN Daniel Vetan (Selres)

Selected Reservists (SELRES) are the Navy's primary source of immediate mobilization manpower and represents reservists who are paid as weekend drillers or serve in full-time support on active duty status in the training and administration of the Naval Reserve Force program. Navy Full Time Support (FTS) sailors are members of the Navy Reserves who perform full-time active duty, receiving the same pay, allowances, and benefits as active duty members.

IN MEMORIAM



The Council lost a long-time member and great supporter on December 4, 2012. Henry "Hank" Petri passed away of heart disease at the age of 91. The following is an excerpt from the obituary which appeared in the *Sun Sentinel*.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he understood at a young age that he desired more. Influenced by his maternal grandfather, he had the adventuresome gene. He enlisted in

the Marines hoping to fly but ended up in the South Pacific during WW II. What he realized, among other things, from this experience, is that he wanted to live in a warm, tropical climate. Eventually, with his wife, Ruth, and two young daughters, Hank moved to Miami in December 1950. Hank had secured a job as a pest control routeman with Truly Nolen. He was excellent at his job because, among other talents, he had people skills. So, he took the risk and went into his own business forming Petri's Positive Pest Control in 1956. He was an active member of his church, his community and several business clubs and organizations but, most importantly, he had the love and support of his wife, Ruth, whom he acknowledged to be his best asset. He served as President of the Florida Pest Control Association and was active in the Associated Pest Control Association. In 1962, Hank moved north to Pompano Beach realizing his dream of living on the water and near an airport. He had taken flying lessons while living in Miami and eventually owned his own plane, which he flew frequently. He became active in civic organizations in Pompano and in Broward County. In addition, he became a member of the Navy League rising to regional vice president. This involvement led to another love he always had and that was for travel, especially to adventurous, exotic places. He eventually traveled to all seven continents. He was a self-educated, extremely well read man who had more facts stored in his brain than most and, as a former boy scout, had real life experience in survival and was a lover of nature. His caregiver, Bob, commented recently that the year and a half he had spent getting to know "Papa" was one of the most extraordinary learning and wisdom gathering experiences of his life.

Hank will be truly missed by his Navy League family.

SEA SERVICE NEWS



The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy named Captain (ret.) Susan L. Dunlap as its new deputy superintendent. Dunlap, a 28-year Navy veteran, will begin work at the Academy in January. Captain Dunlap most recently served as U.S. Naval Forces Africa, Director Africa Engagement Group, where she provided direct oversight of all maritime theater security cooperation with Africa, including the internationally-recognized Africa Partnership Station (APS) program. Earlier in her career, Captain Dunlap led the Military Sealift Command, Far East, which operated an average of 48 ships that replenish fuel and supplies to U.S. Navy forces. She also commanded the only assault craft unit in the Pacific Fleet, which was tasked with operating, maintaining and providing assault craft for ship to shore movement during and after an amphibious assault.



Sailors aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) concluded their participation in a two-week sleep study on December 17. The study was conducted by personnel from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) who came aboard Jason Dunham to interview crewmembers about their watch rotations and monitor their sleep patterns, activity periods and reaction times. At the beginning of the study, Sailors met with the NPS personnel, who issued wrist activity monitors and smart phones to track Sailors' reaction times by having them perform physical and mental tasks. The study showed in favor of a watch rotation with three hours on and nine hours off, but Sailors had mixed reactions. The study is being sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. The findings are scheduled to be published in an upcoming issue of Proceedings magazine. The Navy will use the results to provide guidance to commanding officers around the fleet. Jason Dunham is deployed with the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group to the U.S. 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions for Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Governor Rick Scott's Base Commanders Meeting was held at Coast Guard Air Station Miami on December 14, 2012. This quarterly meeting is held to ensure

state leadership is aware of current initiatives and issues facing state agencies and military base commanders.



In mid-December, Marines and Sailors with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit offloaded from the ships of the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group and returned to homecomings in and around Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, after a nine-month deployment. The 24th MEU made the ship-to-shore transit from the USS Iwo Jima, USS New York and USS Gunston Hall using amphibious assault vehicles, Navy hovercraft, aircraft which included MV-22B Ospreys and CH-53E Super

Stallion helicopters, and the Morehead City Port facility. The 24th MEU departed the coast of North Carolina last March and spent the rest of the year sailing around the U.S. Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility as an expeditionary crisis response force. The MEU/ARG team maintained continuous presence and a robust alert status as America's 9-1-1 force throughout U.S. Central, European and Africa Commands, conducting significant training operations in Morocco, Jordan, Kuwait and Djibouti, Africa.



Beneath the blue waters of the Florida Keys, the continental United States' only living-coral barrier reef stretches for miles. The reef and surrounding waters generate more than \$2.3 billion annually

for the local economy, create more than 33,000 ocean jobs throughout the Florida Keys and support fisheries that feeds millions. Across this economically important area, the Coast Guard maintains 450 buoys, markers and aids to navigation that safely guides water traffic through the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, stretching 2,900 nautical miles from the Dry Tortugas National Park to Fowey Rock near Miami. The Maritime Security Response Team's Regional Diver Locker East supports this mission with their specialized training and capabilities. The MSRT, like most Coast Guard units, is multi-mission and scalable. In addition to its primary homeland security mission, the team deploys divers to provide aids to navigation, search and recovery and ship's husbandry support to Coast Guard units throughout the country. The comprehensive and coordinated approach to the management of the aids and coral inside the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary demonstrates the Coast Guard's commitment to maintaining America's maritime resources

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LOCAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Local members dues vs. national members dues – why are there two types of dues and why you should pay both!

Anyone who wants to belong to the Navy League of the United States must pay national dues. These dues help the national organization in their mission of supporting active duty personnel and their families; educating the public and Congress on the importance of strong sea services and supporting youth. Part of your national dues goes toward the publication of the award winning Seapower magazine which you receive each month. National dues are payable each year in the month you joined the Navy League.

Individual councils, such as the Broward County Council, request national members to also pay local dues. These funds are used by the local council to help in their mission of supporting the sea services as well as for administrative costs such as printing and postage. Local dues are payable each year in January.

Your local dues have allowed the Council to:

Honor Sailors/Enlisted of the Quarter and Sailors/Enlisted of the Year who serve on the USS Leyte Gulf, USS Bataan, Coast Guard Air Station-Miami, and Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC)

Honor Individual Augmentees (IA) returning from Afghanistan

Provide Marines who are stationed in Afghanistan with "Care" packages

Reward 5 local JROTC units with scholarship stipends for graduating seniors

Support the commissioning of two Coast Guard cutters

Support the Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsman who participate in Fleet Week

Hold receptions for Naval ships that visit Port Everglades

If you have already sent in your local dues – THANK YOU! If you have not, or just want to make a donation, please send your check payable to BCNL to P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339.

Local dues are \$49 for an individual member or \$84 for a couple.

RECENT EVENTS



Attending the Pearl Harbor ceremony were Abe Stein, Mary Anne Gray, Chip LaMarca, Capt Rick Kenin and Edward Hammond.



Attending the annual Coast Guard holiday party were long time Council members Peggy Raben (left) and her mom Mary DeMarco.

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