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Broward County Council,
Fort Lauderdale Council and
Broward Navy Days

Wednesday, November 20, 2013
Coral Ridge Yacht Club
2800 Yacht Club Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rear Admiral John H. Korn
Commander, Seventh District Coast Guard

Cocktail hour 6:00pm Buffet Dinner 7:00 pm

Members and Guests - \$35.00

Please RSVP on or before November 13
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FRIDAY, 13 DEC. 2013
6:00 – 8:00 PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanksgiving Day – a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. As we reflect back over these past months, we remember the tragic events at the Navy Yard on September 16, our hearts are with those affected by the tragic shooting. The Navy League of the United States has established the Washington Navy Yard Survivors Fund. To find out how you can help, visit <http://www.navyleague.org>.

In October, we lost two outstanding men who dedicated their time, their passion to the Navy League - Dan Branch, Navy League National Past President, Dan spoke to our local councils 2 years ago. The other gentleman was our very own Past President, Bob Hein. Bob was a warm, caring man who loved the Navy League. He served our Council with pride as well as a National Director. Bob and his wife, Denise, served on the Board of Directors for many years. We will miss both men; our thoughts and prayers go out to their families from the Council.

We would like to give thanks and good blessings to Megan McNaughton, former XO of Station Fort Lauderdale on her newest assignment – **MOM**. Megan and her husband welcomed a new son into their family. We wish them well.

Every member of the Navy League must pay national dues; however, our Council only receives a small rebate from your national dues. Our Council relies on its members to pay local dues since we are able to utilize 100% of these funds. Please note that this year we have lowered the cost of local dues to \$35 for individuals and \$65 for couples. Please help the Council continue with its activities by completing the dues statement and sending your check to the address indicated on the form. Our Sailors, Marines, Coasties and Merchant mariners will greatly appreciate your support. Please give back and we thank you.

Please mark your calendars for our November 20th dinner social. Our guest speaker will be Rear Admiral John H. Korn, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida.

Also at the November dinner social, we will be electing our new officers for 2014. Please join us on the 20th and give thanks for all that you have been given.

I personally want to thank everyone for their continued support of the Broward County Council Navy League.

We are here to say thank you to all the men and women who are serving this great country.

Shelley

GUEST SPEAKER



Rear Admiral Korn serves as Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District headquartered in Miami. As District Commander, he is responsible for all Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean Basin including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and over 15,000 miles of coastline. In addition,

the Seventh District shares operational borders with 34 Foreign Nations and Territories.

Prior to assuming command of the Seventh District, RADM Korn served as Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO), following a two-year assignment as the service's Program Executive Officer (PEO). As CAO, he directed efforts across all Coast Guard acquisition programs and related procurement management, contracting, and research and development activities to execute the service's approximately \$30 billion acquisition investment portfolio. In his previous assignment as PEO, he oversaw the execution of all Coast Guard acquisition programs and projects, which provides for the sustainment, modernization and recapitalization of surface, air, command and control, and logistics assets for the Coast Guard's multiple maritime missions.

He served in a variety of operational and staff tours during his career, including Chief of Staff of the Eighth Coast Guard District, the first Commander of Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi, Commanding Officer of Air Station Corpus Christi, Chief of Search and Rescue for the Eighth Coast Guard District, Commanding Officer of Air Station New Orleans, and Engineering Officer of both Air Station Houston and Aviation Training Center Mobile. He also served as the Chief, Inventory Management Branch at the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (AR&SC). He attained pilot qualifications on the HH-52A, HH-3F, HH-60J, HH-65A/B and the HU-25 and attained a Civilian Airline Transport Rating.

A native of northern New Jersey, Rear Adm. Korn graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in ocean engineering. He received a master's degree in industrial administration from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management in 1989. He also completed the Advanced Management Program at the National Defense University in 2000, receiving a Chief Information Officer's Certificate and is a 2004 graduate of the Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program.

His military awards include two Legions of Merit and six Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals.

OKTOBERFEST

On Thursday, October 17, Broward County and Fort Lauderdale Council members joined together for an Oktoberfest celebration at Lauderdale Yacht Club. The setting could not have been more perfect; there was even a full moon shining down on the pool. Good conversation along with German music, pretzels, beer and a large variety of tasty German food made the evening complete. Thanks to Oscar Romano and Charlie Schmidt for sharing their photos.



SLATE OF 2014 OFFICERS

The following is the slate of Council Officers for 2014

President: Glenn Wiltshire
First Vice President: Erwin Sefton
Second Vice President: Marianne Giambrone
Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Robert Marks
Secretary: Shelley Beck
Treasurer: Tom Carney
JAG: No candidate

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

FLIGHT 19 CEREMONY



The 68th Anniversary Flight 19 - Memorial Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 1 PM at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum.

Flight 19 was the designation of five TBM Avenger torpedo bombers that disappeared over the Bermuda Triangle on December 5, 1945 during a United States Navy over-

water navigation training flight from Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale. All 14 airmen on the flight were lost as were all 13 crew members of a PBM Mariner flying boat assumed by professional investigators to have exploded in mid-air while searching for the flight. Navy investigators could not determine the cause of the loss of Flight 19 but said the aircraft may have become disoriented and ditched in rough seas after running out of fuel.

On hand for the ceremony will be a 1942 Pirsch Engine Pumper from the Fort Lauderdale Fire Museum and a WWII Jeep Willys. Expected to attend the event will be several politicians and historians as well as veterans from WWII and other wars. The event is open to the public. 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 in Fort Lauderdale.

MEMORIAL BRICKS



You can play an important role in preserving the spirit of naval aviation by purchasing a personally engraved brick paver for the new area of the Flight 19 Memorial Monument at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum. The monument will be relocated from Navy Park to the grounds of the Naval Air Station Museum sometime in 2014. Whether celebrating a graduation, memorializing a loved one or commemorating a retirement, you can tell your story. Memorial bricks are engraved with your personalized message with one, two or three lines. You will receive a certificate of ownership and location map when the brick is installed. All funds raised from memorial brick sales will be used to support the Museum. Your personal message becomes a lasting gift and piece of history at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum. To find out more or to order a brick, visit the website at <http://www.nasflmuseum.com/1/post/2013/09/memorial-bricks-program.html>.

PEARL HARBOR

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the American Army and Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The attack came as a surprise to the American Army and Navy and led to great losses of life and equipment. More than 2,000 American citizens were killed and more than 1,000 were injured. The Americans also lost a large proportion of their battle ships and nearly 200 aircraft that were stationed in the Pacific region. More than 60 Japanese servicemen were killed, injured or captured. The Japanese Navy also lost five midget submarines and 29 aircraft.

Broward Navy Days will host a remembrance ceremony marking the 72nd anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor at 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 8 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. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Photo was taken at the 2012 ceremony.

REMEMBERING....



Robert "Bob" N. Hein passed away on October 20, 2013 after a valiant battle with cancer. Bob was born on November 9, 1938. He graduated from San Diego State University and was then commissioned in the US Navy, where he served 3 tours in Vietnam piloting the P-2 Neptune aircraft. Following his service in the Navy, he transitioned his flying skills to United Air Lines, retiring in 1998 as a 757 Captain. Following his retirement, he focused his attention on our Council, serving as President in 2007. He is survived by his wife Denise, sons Robert, Denis and Steven, and grandchildren Matt, Chris, Haida, Gabriel, Ethan and Olivia. *Above photo was taken during Fleet Week 2012—shown with Bob and Denise Hein is their son Captain Robert Hein, Commanding Officer of the USS Gettysburg.*



Past national Navy League president, Capt. Daniel B. Branch Jr., USN retired passed away on October 21, 2013 of complications from mesothelioma cancer at the age of 75. Dan was born in Greenbelt, Maryland, in 1937, and graduated in 1959 from the U.S. Naval Academy. He received many awards during his naval career and held the honor of being the youngest captain of a nuclear submarine at age 34.

Dan achieved the rank of captain during his 30 years of service in the Navy. In 1990, he entered the civilian world, moving to Boulder to work at the Rocky Flats Plant of EG&G, where he held multiple executive positions. Upon retirement from Rocky Flats, Dan worked as an independent consultant in the nuclear field. In his retirement years, Dan was very involved in the Naval Academy Alumni Association and the Navy League of the United States, where he served as the National President from 2009-2011.

Our deepest condolences are extended to the Hein and Branch families.

MARINE CORPS



Semper Fidelis distinguishes the Marine Corps bond from any other. It goes beyond teamwork—it is a brotherhood that can always be counted on. Latin for "always faithful," Semper Fidelis became the Marine

Corps motto in 1883. Marking the birth of the Corps and honoring their proud lineage of warriors, November 10 is a celebratory occasion throughout their ranks. Since the official order that established it as a Marine Corps holiday in 1921, the Marine Corps birthday has been a yearly reminder of the brave spirit that has compelled young men and women to defend our nation and its interests for more than two centuries. The celebration includes a formal Birthday Ball (when in garrison), the reading of a birthday message from the Commandant, the cutting of a birthday cake by the commanding officer, and the presentation of the first and second pieces of cake to the oldest and youngest Marines present. Whether on a stateside base or on a remote post abroad, on this day, every Marine who serves or who has served is entitled to the words "Happy Birthday, Marine."

COMMISSIONINGS

During the next 24 months, the U.S. Coast Guard will commission six new Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutters to be home ported in Key West. The first of these cutters, the USCGC CHARLES DAVID JR, will be commissioned at sunset on Saturday, 16 November 2013 at Coast Guard Sector Key West. The Navy League Key West Council Commissioning Committee is supporting the commissioning through funding of activities traditionally associated with a commissioning, separate and apart from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Attendance at the commissioning ceremony will be at no cost to the attendee. However, due to the limited space available on the pier, attendance will be by U.S. Coast Guard invitation only. As the Key West Navy League Commissioning Committee is assisting Coast Guard Sector Key West in compiling the invitee list, persons interested in attending may contact the Navy League Key West Council Commissioning Committee at 305.797.0980 or gidget.johns@gmail.com.

If you would like additional information or wish to make a donation to assist with the commissionings, please visit the Navy League Key West Council Commissioning Committee's website at:

www.keywestnavyleaguecommissioningcommittee.org.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



For those Council members who may have missed it, this article appeared in the fall edition of The Navy Leaguer.

To read other articles which appeared in the publication, you can visit the Council website at bcnavyleague.org.

Congress is in for a big wakeup call this fall when Navy Leaguers come to Washington! The Navy League is proud to announce its inaugural Capitol Hill Fly In. On November 14, before the start of the Board of Directors' meeting in Baltimore, Navy Leaguers will head to Capitol Hill for a series of meetings with legislators and staffers. Navy Leaguers have been successfully informing members of Congress about the importance of the sea services since it was founded. This mission received a boost with the advent of the Grass Roots program, in which Navy Leaguers deliver a series of presentations to their member of Congress highlighting the importance and legislative priorities of each of the sea services. This program is extremely valuable. Members of Congress and sea service leaders constantly remind Navy League Headquarters that a constituent reaching out to their representative or senator about these issues is one of the most valuable services the Navy League can provide. The Navy League is bringing the activism, expertise and enthusiasm that has made the Grass Roots program such a success to Capitol Hill. Many organizations use "fly-ins," in which members from across the country visit Congress, as an effective way to bring attention to their mission and galvanize their members. With Congress considering more continuing resolutions, a potential government shutdown and with no end to sequestration in sight, the sea services need advocates more than ever. Our national security is at risk thanks to the ongoing budget battles. We need tell members of Congress that our Navy League to Storm Capitol Hill sea service men and women — indeed, our national defense should never be political pawns. Join us in taking our message to Congress on November 14.

To register or get more details, call 703-312-1560 or email legislativeaffairs@navyleague.org.

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

Last Christmas season, Seafarers' House delivered over 1,300 Christmas packages to visiting seafarers. That's a small number compared to the thousands who come to Port Everglades and does not include cruise ship seafarers. The goal this season is to give a gift-wrapped shoebox of 'gear and goodies' to every seafarer who comes to Port Everglades from the first of December through mid-January. Spread the word to friends, family and students in need of service hours. If you would like to volunteer to deliver the filled boxes to the seafarers, contact Board member Joe Giambrone who is the coordinator of this endeavor. He can be contacted at 954-389-0545 or at giambronejm@gmail.com.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



The mission of Wreaths Across America is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. This year the event will be held on December 14 when wreath laying ceremonies will take place at over 850 locations. Wreaths Across America also organizes a week of events including international veterans' tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long "Veterans' Parade" between Maine and Virginia where stops are made along the way to spread their message about the importance of remembering our country's fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. The cost of their programs is paid in part by individual wreaths sponsors. If you would like to support Wreaths Across America, you may visit their website at www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Individual wreaths are only \$15.

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LOCAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2014:

INDIVIDUALS	\$35	HUSBAND/WIFE	\$65
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If you would like to support a specific project, please indicate below:

JROTC Scholarships (issued to 6 students at 6 local high schools) \$_____

Troop Care Package Program (support for sending care packages to deployed troops) \$_____

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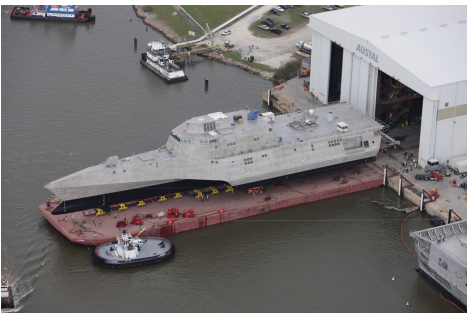
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SEA SERVICE NEWS



On October 9, less than a week after arriving on station following a port visit in Panama, USS Rentz (FFG 46) and embarked U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) and helicopter squadron disrupted a shipment of 1,000 kg.

of cocaine off the coast of Colombia in coordination with the Colombian navy. Rentz worked closely with the Colombian navy operating in the region to detect and intercept the high-speed vessel suspected of smuggling narcotics in international waters. Once Rentz detected and confirmed the location of the suspect boat, the Colombian navy quickly intercepted the boat and discovered the illegal contraband. The drugs were taken back to Colombia; the seizure had an estimated street value of \$80 million. Rentz is currently deployed to the 4th Fleet area of operations in support of Operation Martillo which began in Jan. 2012. Operation Martillo (Spanish for 'hammer') targets illicit trafficking routes in coastal waters along the Central American isthmus and is an international, interagency operation led by Joint Interagency Task Force-South, a component of U.S. Southern Command.



The Navy accepted delivery of the future USS Coronado (LCS 4) during a ceremony at the Austal USA shipyard in Mobile Alabama in late September.

Coronado is the fourth littoral combat ship (LCS) to deliver to the Navy, the second of the Independence variant to join the fleet. Delivery marks the official transfer of LCS 4 from the shipbuilder, a General Dynamics-led team that includes Bath Iron Works, Austal USA, and Advanced Information Systems, to the Navy. It is the final milestone prior to commissioning, which is planned for April 2014 in Coronado, California. Following commissioning, Coronado will be home ported in San Diego with her sister ships USS Freedom (LCS 1), USS Independence (LCS 2) and USS Fort Worth (LCS 3). The Navy is committed to a 52-ship LCS class. Twelve more ships (LCS 5 through LCS 16) are currently under construction or in the pre-production phase. The first 24 ships of the class are evenly comprised of two variants, the steel monohull Freedom variant (odd numbered hulls) and the aluminum trimaran Independence variant (even numbered hulls). The littoral combat ship class is designed to defeat threats in coastal waters where increasingly capable submarines, mines, and swarming small craft operate.

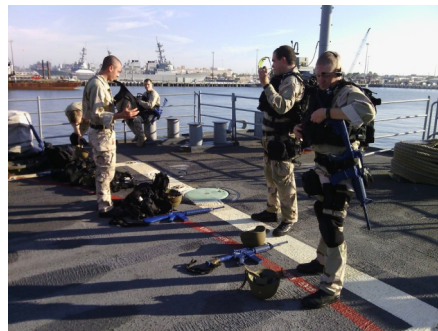


On October 23, Camp Pendleton Marines conducted an activation ceremony for the headquarters unit that will supervise the wind down of Marine forces in southern Afghanistan over the

next year. Brig. Gen. Daniel Yoo (shown in photo) and Sgt. Maj. Douglas Berry will be the commanding general and sergeant major for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Forward. That unit will deploy to Helmand province in southwestern Afghanistan in early 2014 to take over responsibility for the Regional Command Southwest, currently being run by Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C. In December 2009, President Barack Obama announced that 30,000 American troops would flow to Afghanistan in an attempt to end the war there. Since then, the Marines – including Camp Pendleton's 1st Marine Expeditionary Force – have weathered heavy fighting and casualties in order to pacify the volatile Helmand Province, a longtime stronghold for the Taliban. Obama has set the end of 2014 as the deadline to withdraw most American forces. There currently are an estimated 87,000 international troops in Afghanistan, including about 52,000 Americans.



The USS Bataan, one of our Council's adopted ships, celebrated the US Navy's 238th birthday.



The USS Leyte Gulf's Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) team stayed on point with simulated boarding operations to certify the team. Afloat Training Group (ATG) came on board October 3 and 4 to assess VBSS in compliant

and non-compliant boarding scenarios, as well as detainee operations. A critical function of Leyte Gulf's maritime interception operations and anti-piracy efforts, VBSS requires rigorous physical and tactical training for motivated Sailors, making it one of the most challenging collateral duties in the surface fleet. Photo shows VBSS crew members staging gear in preparation for the ATG assessment of VBSS scenarios. The Leyte Gulf is our Council's adopted ship and is currently in Norfolk Virginia.

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please note that The Helmsman will not be published in December. The Helmsman will be back at the end of December with the January 2014 issue. Please check your email and the Council website for details about any events taking place.

Marianne Giambrone
Editor

OKTOBERFEST



It was a pleasure to have the CO and XO of Coast Guard Air Station Miami join in the Oktoberfest festivities. Photo on right is Capt Joe Kimball and his wife Shelley. Photo on left shows the Kimballs along with XO Lt Steven Pruyin enjoying the evening with members of the Broward and Fort Lauderdale Councils.



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