



Navy League of the United States

The Helmsman

Broward County, Florida Council, Inc.

Serving the Sea Services Since 1902

VOL. 24 ISSUE 7

Shelley Beck, President
Marianne Giambrone, Editor

SEPTEMBER 2013

NAVY

MARINE CORPS

COAST GUARD

MERCHANT MARINE

SEPTEMBER DINNER

JOINT DINNER SOCIAL WITH FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCIL

Honoring Naval Sea Cadets

will be held on

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Coral Ridge Yacht Club.
2800 Yacht Club Blvd Fort Lauderdale

Cocktail hour begins at 6:00
Buffet Dinner will be served at 7:00

Guest speakers will be

Spruance Division Sea Cadets

and

CDR Diego Hernandez
Deputy Branch Head, Naval Operations
Former Commander, USS Wyoming

Members and guests = \$35

Please call Joan at 561-336-3610 or
email browardnavyleague@gmail.com
by September 14 to make your reservation

JUNE LUNCHEON SOCIAL

On Thursday, June 20, members of Broward Council joined Everglades Council members at a wonderful luncheon at Coral Ridge Country Club. Guest speaker was Broward Council member Bill Vasquez, Commander of the Pelican Harbor Base, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. Bill is shown below with Everglades Council President Tom Melville.



Below: Council member Dianne Schmidt (standing) with Everglades Council members Pat Belanger (left) and Trudy DiCarlo



GUEST SPEAKERS



Navy League President James H. Offutt has designated September as “Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month” in recognition of the many benefits realized from this premier youth program. The Council will honor the Sea Cadets by having Cadets from the Spruance Division serve as guest speakers at our September dinner social.

In addition to the Cadets, special guest speaker CDR Diego Hernandez will be addressing the audience. CDR Hernandez serves as deputy branch head for manpower and accounting at Naval Operations (OPNAV) in Arlington Virginia. Prior to taking his current position, he served as commanding officer of the USS WYOMING trident missile submarine for three years. He oversaw the daily operations and maintenance and directed the training and certification of the 160 member crew. CDR Hernandez has previously served in a variety of positions with the fleet, among them navigator of the USS Trepang, engineer officer of the USS Toledo, and executive officer of the USS Rhode Island. In recognition of his outstanding service to the Navy, he has received numerous commendations, including a Joint Meritorious Service Medal.

NOTE: If paying by check for the dinner, please ensure you make it payable to Fort Lauderdale Council.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

October 17 - Oktoberfest – Council members will join with members of Fort Lauderdale Council at Old Heidelberg Restaurant to celebrate Oktoberfest.

November 20 – Dinner Social – Council members will join with members of Broward Navy Days and Fort Lauderdale Council at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Rear Admiral John H. Korn, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, will be the special guest speaker.

Additional details regarding these events will be available on email, the Council's website and in future editions of The Helmsman.



COUNCIL EMAIL

Please note that the Council has a new email address:

browardnavyleague@gmail.com

5K RUN/WALK



The Fort Lauderdale Council will be hosting their 2nd Annual Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5K run/walk on Saturday, October 12, on Hollywood Beach.

The event supports the Wounded Warrior Project and the Naval Sea Cadets Corps. The **Spruance Division Sea Cadets**, sponsored by Fort Lauderdale Council, is the finest youth development program for boys and girls ages 10 - 17 available in South Florida! The program and staff's goal is to help teens and pre-teens develop skills, self-esteem and confidence that will help them succeed to the greatest degree possible for each individual in school and life. The mission of the **Wounded Warrior Project** is to honor and empower wounded warriors. Their goal is foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history by raising awareness and enlisting the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, by helping injured service members aid and assist each other, and by providing unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

The walk will start at 7:30 AM at the Johnson Street band shell. There is a registration link on the Spruance Division's website (ftlseacadets.org). The registration fees per person are as follows: \$25 early registration; \$5 active duty military; \$15 active Sea Cadet, JROTC Cadet or student; \$35 day of the race. The first 300 registrants will receive a race t-shirt.

9-11 MEMORIAL CONCERT



The American Legion, 9th District, will be hosting a 9-11 Memorial Concert at 7:30 PM on September 11.

The concert will honor our armed forces, police, firemen, EMTs and those lost on September 11, 2001. The American Legion Symphonic

Band with vocalist James Perkowski will be featured. The concert will be held at ArtsPark at Young Circle in Hollywood and there is no cost to attend.

Photo was taken at the 9-11 Memorial.



RFA WAVE KNIGHT



The RFA Wave Knight (A389) sailed into Port Everglades on July 31 (photo above). The ship is a Wave Knight-class fast fleet tanker of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. The ship is crewed by 72 Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel; there is also provision for 26 Royal Navy personnel for helicopter and weapons systems operations. Their primary purpose for the visit to Port Everglades was to make repairs to several ship defects. Thanks to Council member Graham Holman, several Council members were invited by Commanding Officer Captain Chris Clarke to attend a pub-style lunch aboard the vessel.

BACK TO SCHOOL

For the sixth year, Operation Homefront and Dollar Tree joined forces to gather school supplies for military children. The supplies were purchased by customers and placed in collection boxes in each store. Navy League members volunteered to pick up the supplies at local Dollar Tree stores and distribute them to local military units. Several council members were involved this year and were able to assist military families at local Coast Guard units; Navy Recruiting District, NOSC and the Marine Reserve unit.

Nationwide, there are 1.2 million children of active duty service members. Nearly 60% of the children are school-aged. Back-to-School Brigade™ is an important morale programs and expression of our pride and appreciation of our service members. Backpack and school supply distributions express America's gratitude and help our active duty military families offset back to school expenses.



COAST GUARD NEWS



On June 7, Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer Louis Kitchin, Seventh Coast Guard District Command Master Chief, accepted his certificate of retirement from

RADM William Baumgartner, Seventh Coast Guard District Commander, at his retirement ceremony at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Kitchin was awarded numerous awards throughout his career including six Coast Guard Commendation Medals and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation. He retired after serving 33 years in the Coast Guard.



On June 14, Captain Christopher Scraba was relieved as Commander, Coast Guard Seventh District, by Captain Austin J. Gould. Scraba is shown here with Council President Shelley

Beck and Board Member Glenn Wiltshire.



On June 26, during the change of command ceremony, RADM John H. Korn assumed the responsibilities as the Seventh Coast Guard District commander and Director of Homeland Security Task Force-Southeast from RADM William D. Baumgartner. Baumgartner retired after 33 years of honorable service to the Coast Guard.



On June 14, RADM Steve Mehling assumed command of the Joint Interagency Task Force South. Mehling previously served as Commanding Officer of Air Station Miami. Several Council members attended the change of command ceremony in Key West.

Shown in photo are Don and Phyllis Bannister along with Mehling and his wife Terri.



Shelley Kimball was selected Coast Guard Spouse of the Year by Military Spouse magazine. She was one of six overall winners representing every branch of the military. Shelley is married to Captain Joe Kimball, who is currently serving as commanding officer of Air Station Miami.

Shelley and the other branch winners traveled to Washington for a luncheon with the spouses of the Joint Chiefs. The highlight of the trip was a Mother's Day tea event at the White House with Michele Obama and Jill Biden. Prince Harry was visiting the White House and dropped in on the event. Shelley is shown in photo with her husband and children Joey and Gracie.

The Fast Response Cutter USCGC Paul Clark (WPC 1106), the Coast Guard's sixth Sentinel Class patrol boat, was commissioned at Base Miami Beach on August 24. The cutter's commanding officer is Lt. William Belcher; it has 24 crewmembers. The Paul Clark is named after enlisted hero, Fireman First Class Paul Leaman Clark who displayed extraordinary devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire while serving as a landing boat engineer attached to the USS Joseph T. Dickman during the allied assault on the French Morocco during WW II.



L to R: Erwin Sefton, Shelley Beck, RADM Jake Korn, Seventh District commander and George Reeves

L to R: RADM Jake Korn, Lt. W.W. Lloyd Belcher, commanding officer of the CGC Paul Clark, LTJG Anthony J. Foss, executive officer of the Paul Clark, and Vice Adm. Manson K. Brown, Commander for Mission Support at the stern of the of the Paul Clark.



HONORING THE MILITARY

The Council continues to recognize the accomplishments of the sailors aboard our adopted ships – the USS Bataan and the USS Leyte Gulf. In May, certificates and monetary awards were sent to these sailors serving aboard the USS Bataan.

Awards for the year 2012

DC1(SW/AW) Theodore Yates, Senior Sailor of the Year
FC2(SW/AW) Alexander Heck, Sailor of the Year
CS2(SW) Joshua Skinner, Sailor of the Year
AO3(AW/SW) Stacy Colmore, Blue Jacket of the Year

Awards for 4th Quarter 2012

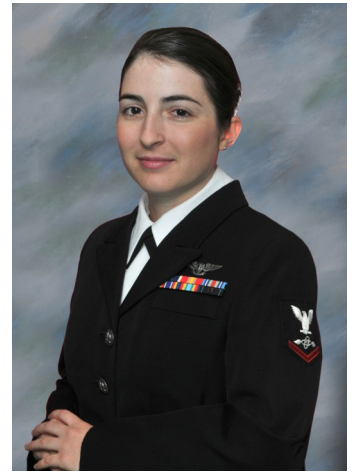
IT1(IDW/SW/AW) Keith Harris, Senior Sailor of the Quarter
CTR2(SW) Joshua Harshman, Sailor of the Quarter
AT3 Monika Diaz, Sailor of the Quarter
SN(SW) Chad Hobbs, Blue Jacket of the Quarter

Awards for 1st Quarter 2013

ABH1(AW/SW) Jamie Valencia, Senior Sailor of the Quarter
AE2(AW/SW) Collin Peskett, Sailor of the Quarter
AE3 Travis Patten Junior, Sailor of the Quarter
ABHAN(AW) Ciara Meyers, Blue Jacket of the Quarter



IT1 Harris



AT3 Diaz



CTR2 Harshman



SN Hobbs



DC1 Yates

FC2 Heck



ABH Valencia



AE2 Peskett



CS2 Skinner

AO3 Colmore

HONORING THE MILITARY



AE3 Patten

ABHAN Meyers

In June, certificates and monetary awards were sent to these sailors serving aboard the USS Leyte Gulf.

Awards 1st Quarter 2013

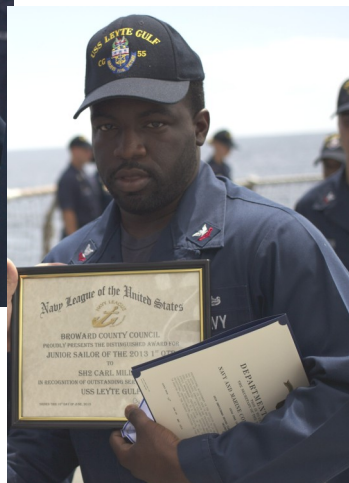
OS1 Lakeisha Williams, Sailor of the Quarter
SH2 Carl Miller, Junior Sailor of the Quarter
GM3 Jamie Palkovic, Blue Jacket of the Quarter

Awards for 2nd Quarter 2013

CS1 Jason Gooch, Sailor of the Quarter
STG2 Matthew Jackson, Junior Sailor of the Quarter
BM3 Nicholas Novotney, Blue Jacket of the Quarter



OS1 Williams



SH2 Miller

GM3 Palkovic



CS1 Gooch

STG2 Jackson



BM3 Novotney

HONORING THE MILITARY



On June 14, Council members attended the Sailor of the Year/Enlisted Person of the Year Ball at the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six. The event was hosted by Fort Lauderdale Council. A cocktail hour on the lower level of the hotel was followed by a delicious dinner held pier top. Thirteen individuals were recognized for their achievements. Each award winner was called to the stage where their unit representative gave a brief description of why the individual was recognized. Photo above shows award recipients, unit representatives and Fort Lauderdale Council Ball Committee. The individuals recognized were:

Cpl Carlos Nossa, USMCR, 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company West Palm Beach
Sgt Milton Gaviria, USMCR, NOSC Miami
Sgt Michael Sellars, USMCR, NOSC Miami
BM1(SW) Dale Marshall, USN, NOSC Miami
NC1 Diana Wilder, USN, NRD Miami
IS1 Jay Vazquez, USN, Southern Command
SN William Runion, USCG, Sector Miami
YN3 Lana T. Port, USCG, Base Miami Beach
BM2 Lara Dunning, USCG, Aids to Navigation
BM2 Michael Irigoyen, USCG, Station Fort Lauderdale
MK2 William Morrow, USCG, USCGC Gannet
ME2 Timothy F. Myerson, USCG, TACLET South
DC1 Lloyd Martinez, USCG, Air Station Miami

Photos—top right: Council members (L to R) Glenn Wiltshire, Teresa Perez and George Reeves
Middle right: (L to R) Marianne Giambrone, FTL member Simone Ramos, George Reeves and FTL member Lynn Drucker
Bottom right: (L to R) Dottie Kirk, Joe Giambrone and Shelley Beck



SEA SERVICE NEWS



On August 2, Captain Brian P. O'Donnell, commanding officer of the Council's adopted ship the USS Leyte Gulf, was relieved by Captain Dean T. Rawls.



The Coast Guard, British Royal Navy and U.S. law enforcement partners seized 1,500 pounds of cocaine and a go-fast vessel, during an at-sea interdiction on August 9 in the Caribbean Sea. The drug shipment is estimated to

have a wholesale value of more than \$24 million. They also detained three suspected smugglers. The interdiction was a result of an international, multi-agency law enforcement effort in support of Operation Unified Resolve, Operation Caribbean Guard, Operation Martillo (a joint, interagency, 15-nation collaborative counter narcotic effort), and the Caribbean Corridor Strike Force (CCSF). Since September 2012, the Coast Guard has seized 20,500 kilograms of cocaine and 8,500 pounds of marijuana during 22 law enforcement interdictions under Operation Unified Resolve, in partnership with regional law enforcement authorities in the Caribbean. The wholesale value for these seizures is worth more than \$690.3 million.



Approximately 160 military personnel, including Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet, Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris (shown in photo), and personnel from 19 nations arrived at U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) headquarters on August 12 to begin exercise PANAMAX 2013. This year's annual PANAMAX exercise developed and sustained relationships that improved the capacity of the nation's emerging and enduring partners' security forces. PANAMAX 2013 is a U.S.-sponsored, multinational annual exercise that, this year, includes participants from Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and the United States. The exercise concluded on August 16.

arrived at U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) headquarters on August 12 to begin exercise PANAMAX 2013. This year's annual PANAMAX exercise developed and sustained relationships that improved the capacity of the nation's emerging and enduring partners' security forces. PANAMAX 2013 is a U.S.-sponsored, multinational annual exercise that, this year, includes participants from Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and the United States. The exercise concluded on August 16.



The decommissioned Cimarron Class fleet oiler USS Merrimack, which served in the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet during its 30-plus-year career is set to be scrapped at Louisiana ship recycler, Southern Recycling. Built back in

1981 by Avondale Shipyards in New Orleans, the 700 foot-long ship is docked at Southern Recycling's Amelia, LA, facility, waiting to be cut into "chunks" for recycling. Until it was decommissioned in December 1998, the USS Merrimack was used to refuel underway Navy ships. After it was decommissioned, the oiler was transferred to the U.S. Maritime Administration and became part of the National Defense Reserve Fleet. Now the USS Merrimack has been sold by MarAd to Southern Recycling for scrapping, which should take four to five months to complete. Southern Recycling can then sell the scrap metal on the domestic and international markets.



In a formal ceremony on August 23 at the Marine Barracks Annex, Marine Band Historian Master Gunnery

Sgt. Michael Ressler retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 39 years of active duty service. He has served as a euphonium player, librarian, chief librarian, support staff section commander, and, since 2008, the band's first-ever historian. "It has been a dream to spend these last five years focusing on the band's history full time. I can't imagine a better way to end my career," Ressler said. When he retired, Ressler served 39 years, 1 month, and three days on active duty, making him the most senior enlisted Marine, by time in service, in the United States Marine Corps. In honor of his long-standing, influential career and his exceptionally meritorious service, Ressler was recently awarded the Legion of Merit by Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. commanding officer Col. Christian G. Cabaniss. Established by an Act of Congress in 1798, the Marine Band's mission is unique—to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.



On August 29, Captain Curt Jones, relieved Captain Winton Smith as Commanding Officer, Naval Base San Diego. Captain Jones is the son of Sandra and Tom Jones, council members who recently relocated to Georgia.

COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

SUPPORT THESE COMPANIES - THEY SUPPORT OUR COUNCIL

A.C.T. JANITORIAL SERVICES CO.
1570 N POWERLINE RD, POMPANO BEACH
954-960-1000

CONSTRUCTION CONSULTING INC
2020 W MCNAB RD STE 102
FORT LAUDERDALE
954-972-5787

TODD KAZDAN D.O, PA
2300 N COMMERCE PKWY STE 108
WESTON
954-217-2745

NANCY ABRAMS
MORGAN STANLEY
1200 S PINE ISLAND RD STE 800
PLANTATION
954-577-8857

RESOLVE MARINE GROUP, INC.
1510 SE 17 ST., STE 400
FORT LAUDERDALE
954-764-8700

SHIP SUPPLY OF FLORIDA
15065 NW 7 AVE, MIAMI
305-929-7090

WEBB COMMERCIAL REALTY
1300 NW 167 ST STE 2
MIAMI GARDENS
305-624-8585

COUNCIL SUPPORTERS

Robert A. Giacin EA & Company
2131 Hollywood Blvd Ste 101, Hollywood

AutoNation
Fort Lauderdale

Signature Memories
Fort Lauderdale

Shula's Hotel
Miami Lakes

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Are you looking for a way to advertise your business at a reasonable cost?

Business card ads are available at a cost of \$125. The ad will appear in The Helmsman for one year (ten editions). If you would like to advertise your business or organization and provide financial support to the Council at the same time, contact Joe Giambrone at giambronejm@gmail.com or 954-389-0545.

Larry M. Ott
Funeral Director

**Kraeer-Fairchild
Funeral Home
and Cremation Center**
4061 North Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
954-565-5591
Fax 954-565-7899
larry.ott@sci-us.com



**BCNL Member
Discount with
this ad**

SEAPOWERS MAGAZINES

REMINDER

If you discard your *SeaPower* magazines after reading them each month, please consider saving them and "recycling" them to interested veterans. Bring them to any Council event where member Dottie Kirk will be glad to take them from you. Dottie shares them with the many veterans that live in her complex.

JUNE LUNCHEON SOCIAL

Shown standing in photo are Don Bannister and Mary Anne Gray. Seated (left to right) are Loretta Baldwin, Garry Murphy, and Rita Tierney. Loretta and Rita are members of the Boca Council.



Everglades Council members Nona and Richard Holt

Broward Council members (left) Edward Lombard and Richard Horton



BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA COUNCIL, INC.
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
Post Office Box 39252
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339-9252

