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NAVY

MARINE CORPS

COAST GUARD

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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday
April 12, 2014

10:30—1:30

US Coast Guard
Station Fort
Lauderdale

Located in John U. Lloyd Park
Dania Beach

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 AM
followed by BBQ lunch and
activities for the children

\$15.00 per civilian adult
Free for civilian kids under age 10
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their families

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APRIL DINNER SOCIAL

Wednesday
April 16, 2014

Cocktail hour 6 PM

Buffet Dinner 7 PM



Fort Lauderdale and
Broward County Councils
Joint Dinner Social

Coral Ridge Yacht Club
2800 Yacht Club Blvd
Fort Lauderdale

PROGRAM:
Captain Austin J. Gould
United States Coast Guard
Commander, Sector Miami

Members and Guests - \$40

Please RSVP on or before April 11 by
e-mailing browardnavyleague@gmail.com
or calling Joan at 561-336-3610

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My thanks to all that were able to make it to our March dinner meeting. For those who weren't there, you missed a great talk by our guest speaker, retired Lieutenant General Patrick Hughes, who spoke about his experiences during his distinguished military career that concluded as Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). What you missed were his interesting stories about why he switched from Infantry to Intelligence early in his Army career while serving in Vietnam (they were the ones who flew in with clean uniforms and left after briefing the senior leaders), what it was like to lead the world's largest intelligence agency at DIA and work with senior officials at the White House, his approach as a "futurist", and his candid comments about the predictions he got right and the ones he didn't. A special thanks to Council member Bob Joslin for arranging for the general to speak, and to new member Claudia Perry for donating the beautiful gift basket for the raffle. Looking ahead, our April dinner meeting will be held jointly with the Fort Lauderdale Council on Wednesday April 16th at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, featuring Captain Austin Gould, US Coast Guard Sector Miami Commander, as guest speaker. Also, don't forget about our annual Easter Egg Hunt for Coast Guard families on Saturday, April 12th at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Please come on out and enjoy the day and support our Council and our Coast Guard families.

I attended the final Broward Navy Days Fleet Week planning meeting at the port, and it reminded me of the critical role that many of our Council members play filling key volunteer positions to assist BND. While there will only be three ships this year (USS NEW YORK, USCGC DEPENDABLE, USCGC BERNARD C WEBBER), there will still be a full schedule of events for our members to assist with as volunteers or to attend. Our Council will once again be hosting the Junior Officer Party on Tuesday, April 29th at Briny's Pub, and I hope we will have a good turnout of members to welcome the JOs. We are also planning to staff a booth during the week and will need volunteers for that as well.

Finally, there are a few other events coming up to get on calendars. Master Chief Pomeroy, Command Master Chief at Coast Guard Air Station Miami for many years, will be retiring at Air Station Miami on Friday, April 25th, LT Paul Turner will be holding his Change of Command at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale on Friday, May 2nd, and long time Council supporter CAPT Rick Kenin will be retiring on Friday, May 23rd, also at Air Station Miami.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 718-619-7402 or at wiltbrit@aol.com if you have any ideas on what our Council should be doing to make your membership more valuable to you.

Glenn Wiltshire
CAPT, US Coast Guard Retired
Broward County Council President



GUEST SPEAKER



CAPTAIN AUSTIN J. GOULD
US COAST GUARD
COMMANDER, SECTOR MIAMI

Captain Gould has been assigned as Sector Commander since June 2013. He was previously assigned to the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Program Manager at Coast Guard Headquarters since 2009, where he oversaw the Coast Guard's Research and Development Program, including the 100-person Research and Development Center in New London, CT. He also managed the Test and Evaluation Program for the Coast Guard's new complement of cutters, aircraft, and Command and Control systems.

Prior to being assigned to the RDT&E Program, CAPT Gould served as the Deputy Sector Commander at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore from May 2007 to May 2009. His first assignment in 1988 was as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC VIGOROUS (WMEC 627). His career changed course when he was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Station New York in 1993, executing all search and rescue, law enforcement, and pollution response missions in the dynamic New York Harbor environment. This ashore command later resulted in his assignment as the Surface Operations Officer at Group-Air-Station Atlantic City from 2001 to 2003. He also served as the Boat Forces Platform Manager (CG-731) from 2003 to 2007, where he was responsible for the procurement, standardization, and maintenance of the Coast Guard's fleet of approximately 2,000 boats. .

Captain Gould's other administrative assignments include the Assistant Director of Auxiliary, First District, Southern Region, on Governors Island, New York, from 1990 to 1993. He also served as the Business Manager for the 47-Foot Motor Lifeboat Procurement project from 1996 to 1998 and as the Coast Guard's Governmental Affairs Liaison for the Coast Guard Congressional Affairs Staff from 1998 to 2001. During the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Spill of National Significance in the Gulf of Mexico, he served on the National Incident Command staff in Washington, DC.

Captain Gould is a 1988 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government. In 1996 he earned a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance with an International Business co-major from the Stern School of Business at New York University. In 2011, he earned his Acquisition Level III Program Manager Certification from the Department of Homeland Security. Captain Gould is a native of New Fairfield, CT and is married to Coast Guard Commander Kathryn Dunbar of Columbia, SC. They have four children.

MARCH DINNER SOCIAL

On March 13, the Council held its dinner social at Tropical Acres Restaurant. Lieutenant General Patrick M. Hughes, United States Army Retired, served as guest speaker. LTGEN Hughes served in the military for more than 35 years and his last active duty assignment was Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA).

The NOVA JROTC cadets served as color guard along with Senior Naval Science Instructor LT Berley Rodabaugh USN Retired.



New member Claudia Perry received her name badge and was welcomed to the Council by her sponsor Larry Ott (left) and President Glenn Wiltshire



(above) Captain and Mrs. James Pruet and Mary Anne Gray were on hand to enjoy the evening as were (below) Council members Erwin Sefton, Larry Ott, Claudia Perry and Bob Marks



President Glenn Wiltshire presents certificate of appreciation to guest speaker LTGEN Patrick Hughes NOVA High School JROTC color guard unit with LT Berley Rodabaugh USN Retired, Senior Naval Science Instructor



FLEET WEEK 2014



APRIL 28— MAY 5

The Coast Guard will be sending a second cutter, the USCG Cutter Dependable to Fleet Week. The Dependable is a 210-foot cutter with a crew of 75 and based in Cape May, New Jersey. The Dependable will join the Fast Response Cutter Bernard Webber as well as the USS New York at Port Everglades. Plan to join us in welcoming their crews to Broward County.

The following is a listing of some of the events that are open to the general public. We encourage you to attend these events to show your support of our military men and women.

Monday, April 28 6 PM – 8 PM
ALL HANDS ON DECK WELCOMING PARTY
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Paradise Shops Courtyard
1 Seminole Way, Hollywood

Tuesday, April 29 7:30 AM – 3 PM
FLEET WEEK PORT EVERGLADES GOLF CLASSIC*
Fort Lauderdale Golf & Country Club
415 Country Club Circle, Plantation
*You can enjoy a day of golf with our active duty service members as well as prizes, a silent auction and buffet luncheon. For more information on the golf classic, contact event chair Pete Swanson at 954-821-2867.

Tuesday, April 29 6 PM – 9 PM
JUNIOR OFFICER PARTY
Briny Irish Pub & Restaurant (Las Olas Riverfront)
305 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Wednesday, April 30 11 AM – 1:30 PM
SALUTE TO VETERANS
Independence Hall
1629 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors

Thursday, May 1 6 PM – 9 PM
ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR RECEPTION*
Hosted by the Fort Lauderdale Council Navy League
Blue Martini, 2432 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale
*information on time and cost of event not available at press time

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, 6 PM – 10 PM
GALLEY WARS COMPETITION *
Hugh's Culinary, 4351 NE 12th Terrace, Oakland Park
*information on time and cost of event not available at press time

Updated information on Fleet Week will be sent to all members via email and will be on the Council's website and Facebook page.

FLEET WEEK 2014

Would you like to show your appreciation for our brave men and women in uniform? There is still time to register as a Fleet Week volunteer so you can make a real difference during their visit. There are many opportunities throughout the week to assist with ship tours, community relations and veterans' events, sporting and recreational activities, and socials during Fleet Week. Visit the Broward Navy Days website (browardnavydaysinc.org) to register. You will then be contacted by Shelley Beck of our Council who is serving as the Volunteer Coordinator.

REMEMBERING...

Fleet Week and Don Bannister – the two always went together. Don was involved with Fleet Week for many years; during the past few years, he could be found at Port Everglades selling t-shirts or bottled water to raise funds for the Council. For many Council members, this year's Fleet Week just won't be the same without him there.

As you know, Past President Don Bannister, 81, passed away on March 5th. Don and his wife Phyllis were married for 58 years. In addition to the Council, he volunteered for numerous organizations and was a Past President of Broward County Association of Life Underwriters; Foreman of a Grand Jury fighting White Collar Crime; assistant to Joe Millsaps of Broward Navy Days and Fleet Week, and he did volunteer work at Holy Cross Hospital for 15 years. He served on the Board of Directors of Seafarers' House and his community where he was the moving force to build a park in the neighborhood.

Contributions to Saint Helen Catholic School, 3033 NW 33rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale FL 33311 can be made in his memory.



Don is shown here at our Oktoberfest celebration

NAVY LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The following information was sent to all Navy League members who have a current email address on file. It is being provided here for those who may not have had an opportunity to review this information.

Support Legislative Affairs today!

The Legislative Affairs Committee is taking Navy League's grassroots advocacy to the next level and they need your help! A lead donor has stepped forward with the initial funding to set up an online engagement tool - CQ Engage Software. Now we need your help to reach \$12,200 and put the system into action. This amount pays for the licensing of the software. Only \$7,200 is needed. Give today and designate your gift to "legislative affairs" to ensure this program is put into place. Go to the Navy League website (navyleague.org), click on "Giving" and then select "make a gift online".

What are online engagement tools and why does the Navy League need them?

Online engagement tools can make the process faster and easier for our members to contact their Congressional representatives, thereby increasing our impact on important issues affecting our sea services.

Current NLUS legislative advocacy process: The current system for contacting legislative representatives is very burdensome on the individual Navy Leaguer. Navy League headquarters writes the letters and emails, sends them out as word document attachments to all members, or just members of the Legislative Affairs Committee, balancing the urgency of the need with the desire not to overburden Navy League members. Navy Leaguers then have to look up their Congressional members' contact information, copy and paste the letter into the member's preferred format.

The solution: CQ Engage Software (formerly CapWiz)

With the new software, any Navy Leaguer can simply sign up for legislative alerts, log onto the web-based system, enter their contact information, including zip code, and just hit send on whichever issue matters most to them. Members will still be able to personalize the message if desired, but the new system would make engaging with Congress significantly easier on the Navy Leaguer and increase our impact in support of the sea services. Also, the system ensures only Navy Leaguers who want to receive this information receive it. It prevents the necessity of mass-emailing all Navy Leaguers regarding affairs of Congress. This system was chosen after extensive research and comparison of similar systems by both the IT Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee, and both support this program.

Key features of CQ Engage Software:

- Allows the Navy League to effectively manage grassroots campaigns on a quick timeline and respond quickly as legislation is proposed and changed.
- Members can take action on the issues most important to them.
- Members can communicate directly with their legislators using a Navy League message.
- Navy League will be able to edit, add and change content on messages as needed.
- Provides up-to-the minute legislative information and contact information for federal legislators and their staff.
- Keeps Navy Leaguers informed with an automatically refreshing "Latest News" page.
- Will drive website traffic to the Navy League, as members can use the "Tell a Friend" and social media features to direct their contacts to our campaigns.
- Allows Navy Leaguers to determine who their Congressional representatives are and email them directly.
- Reduces burden on Navy Leaguers from having to look up the latest information.
- Provides metrics on how often Navy Leaguers contact members of Congress. This will allow Navy League to show our advocacy to the leaders of the sea services.
- CQ Engage Software is an easy way for regions to get members interested in legislative affairs.
- Navy League can maintain multiple campaigns at once on a wide variety of topics.

For more information about the software, contact Sara Fuentes (sfuentes@navyleague.org) Staff Vice President, Governmental Operations & Administration.

CUTTING CARRIERS



The following article appeared in the USNI News

The Navy has to strike a tricky balance on the numbers of carriers it fields between providing forces for U.S. military and finding enough money to operate and maintain the high dollar ships, the commander

of U.S. Fleet Forces said during a question and answer session following a Wednesday speech at the West 2014 conference in San Diego, California.

“We don’t want to get rid of anything,” Adm. William Gortney said. “The problem is that we have to match how much money we have in order to be able to maintain it. If we don’t figure that out, we’re going to be on the [fast] lane to hollow. And that’s why you see the Navy has made some, put up some really tough choices on getting rid of some capability and capacity that we really need in order to do our missions.”

Gortney’s service’s latest bid to reduce the carrier fleet — by decommissioning USS George Washington (CVN-73) when its due for its midlife refueling — has been stopped as part of the Fiscal Year 2015 budget due to White House pressure. Reducing the US carrier fleet from 11 to 10 has been a cost cutting measure the Navy has considered as a money saving option going back to at least 2011.

Though the carrier is probably safe in the 2015 budget, there are increasing calls in Washington for the service to look for cost savings in reducing the carrier fleet and makes the ships a target in future budget submission. Operating an aircraft carrier can cost hundreds of millions of dollars a year in primarily the personnel cost of the 4,000 sailors in the combined between the ship’s crew and air wing. Gortney addressed the loss of Washington directly saying that it would mean that any cost savings would mean higher operational tempo for sailors left to man the carriers. “The question is what is the impact say of GW going away really occur? The impact occurs in about [2021] which is supposed to come back into the rotation and we will go back to nine and 10 months deployments,” Gortney said. “Just a single ship really matters in our ability....in our ability to generate the forward presence that we need.”

Carrier deployments are scheduled for six months, but carriers have averaged nine to ten months in the last several years due to budget woes brought on by unexpected budget restraints and requirements to surge forces forward. In January, Gortney unveiled the Optimized Fleet Response. It is an FRP that will lead to eight-month deployments in a 36-month cycle that includes maintenance and readiness and would result in sailors being home 68 percent of the time. “I think eight months is the ragged edge of what sailors and families will be able to hold onto.”

TRAVIS: A SOLDIER’S STORY

On March 3, Past President George Reeves and his wife Rosa (shown below) attended the screening of “Travis: A Soldier’s Story”, at the University of Miami. It is a challenging documentary featuring the inspiring true story of United States Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills of the 82nd Airborne. Travis lost portions of both arms and legs as the result of an improvised explosive device (IED) on April 10, 2012 while on patrol during his third tour of duty in Afghanistan. Travis is one of just five quadruple-amputees from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to survive such extensive injuries. The documentary featured powerful interviews and emotional reenactments from Travis Mills and his wife Kelsey as well as from fellow soldiers who witnessed the events of April 10th. Travis: A Soldiers Story is an intimate look into the life of a wounded soldier as he faces the unimaginable physical and emotional challenges of this life-altering injury. Travis’s story sheds light on the daily inward and outward struggles of our wounded veterans and the difficult rehabilitation processes they face; and Travis’s openness and incredible perseverance challenge us to look at the way we deal with our own personal trials in life.



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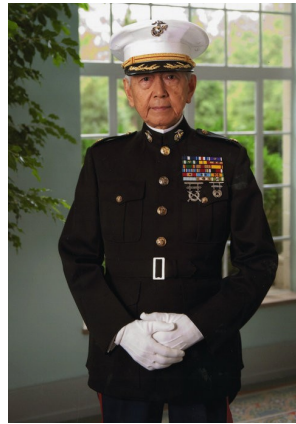
The Navy accepted delivery of the third joint high speed vessel, USNS Millinocket (JHSV 3), from Austal

USA in Mobile, Alabama on March 21. Delivery marks the official transfer of the vessel from the shipbuilder to the Navy and is a major milestone in the ship's transition to operational status. Millinocket, the third ship of the JHSV class is commercially designed, with modifications made to suit military needs. The ship will transport troops, equipment, and supplies to littoral offload points over operational distances. She is designed to transport 600 short tons of military cargo 1,200 nautical miles at an average speed of 35 knots. JHSV 3 is equipped with a flight deck and an off-load ramp which allow for vehicles and helicopters to quickly access ports and quays. Littoral operations and port access are further enhanced by the ship's 15-foot shallow draft, ability to interface with roll-on/roll-off discharge facilities, and ease of access to austere and deteriorated piers. This makes JHSV an extremely flexible asset, capable of supporting a wide range of operations including non-combatant evacuation operations, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. USNS Millinocket will be owned and operated by Military Sealift Command (MSC) and will be manned by a crew of 22 civil service mariners.



Crew members aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Richard Etheridge offloaded approximately 1,500 pounds of cocaine, worth an estimated wholesale value of \$23 million in St.

Petersburg, Florida on March 17th. On March 12, during a patrol in the western Caribbean, crewmembers aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Tampa detected a suspicious go-fast vessel moving at a high rate of speed in international waters. A Customs and Border Patrol Maritime Patrol aircraft provided oversight of the suspected vessel and the Tampa's onboard helicopter launched to pursue the vessel. Upon arriving on scene, the helicopter crew fired warning shots effectively stopping the vessel. A Coast Guard boarding team from the Tampa subsequently boarded the vessel and discovered 695 packages hidden inside the vessel's hull which later tested positive for cocaine. The Tampa is a 270-foot medium endurance cutter homeported in Portsmouth, Virginia



Maj. Kurt Chew-Een Lee, a Chinese-American who led Marines into battle against the Chinese in the Korean War and was cited for bravery for helping to preserve a crucial evacuation route for 8,000 American troops, was found dead on March 3 at his home in Washington. He was 88. Major Lee is believed to have been the first Asian-American officer in the Marine Corps. Slight of build at 5 feet 6 inches tall and 130 pounds, he

brought outside determination to the battlefield, and his heroics have been recounted in books and a documentary film. Born in San Francisco and raised in Sacramento, he enlisted in the Marines toward the end of World War II and learned and then taught Japanese. He became a commissioned officer in 1946. (He retired as a major in 1968.) In addition to the Navy Cross and the Silver Star, Major Lee received many other military honors, including two Purple Hearts. Among other books, his exploits are recounted in "Colder Than Hell: A Marine Rifle Company at Chosin Reservoir" (1996), by Joseph R. Owen.



Cpl. Eric Roethler from O'Fallon, Missouri, and Sirius, a military working dog, wait to board an aircraft aboard the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5). Bataan is the flagship for the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group and, with the embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, is deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.



The Navy formally decommissioned Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Miami (SSN 755) on March 28 during a ceremony at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. The event marked the end of Miami's nearly

24 years of active service in the fleet. The ship's first commanding officer, retired Capt. Thomas Mader, was the keynote speaker. Miami was commissioned June 30, 1990 as the Navy's 44th Los Angeles-class submarine. The photo shows USS Miami moored in Port Everglades in April 2004.

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NOVA HIGH SCHOOL JROTC CADET BRANDON TETA



Cadet Brandon Teta accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the NOVA High School JROTC unit.

President Glenn Wiltshire made the presentation at the March dinner social to thank the cadets for serving as the color guard.

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