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## FEBRUARY EVENT

FEBRUARY 13, 2014

6:30 PM Cocktail Hour  
7:15 PM Dinner



Tropical Acres Restaurant  
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GUEST SPEAKER:

CAPTAIN ANDY EDELSTEIN  
Co-Managing Pilot  
Port Everglades Pilots Association

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Norwegian Salmon Filet

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## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On January 18, 2014, the Broward County Council's 2014 Officers were installed at a ceremony held aboard the Crown Princess in Port Everglades.



Shown above are Skip Witunski, Navy League Florida Region President, newly installed Council President Glenn Wiltshire and Navy League South Florida Area President Chuck Black.

Shown below are the Zeus Division Sea Cadets presenting the colors



## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Thank you for putting your confidence in me and electing me as Council President for 2014. First, my congratulations to Shelley Beck and the entire Board for providing the leadership of the Council over the last two years. My thanks as well to all those who were able to join us aboard the beautiful CROWN PRINCESS for the Installation Luncheon for the new officers and Board members. The turnout of our Council members as well as representatives from the Fort Lauderdale, Everglades, and Boca Raton Councils and Broward Navy Days was especially meaningful and reflects the team approach to the support of the Sea Services here in South Florida. Each Council has its own areas of emphasis to ensure that we accomplish the National and Regional goals of the Navy League, so we intend to continue to work with the other Councils and have a few joint events with them to build on those relationships.

Our focus this year will be to stabilize our membership numbers and look for ways to further involve our members in Council activities. With the commitment of the USS NEW YORK and Coast Guard cutters, we won't have a "fleetless" Fleet Week like last year and will be working closely with Broward Navy Days and looking for volunteers to staff our booth for Fleet Week at the end of April. That provides a great opportunity for members who haven't been active to come on out and support our Council as well as meet the young men and women of our sea services who faithfully serve our country. Our Council will also continue to support our adopted units, deployed Marines and naval reservists, Individual Augmentees, local Coast Guard units, Naval Sea Cadets, and NJROTC programs, and will be looking for new ways to show that support. We also can't forget about the US Merchant Marine and have lined up Captain Andy Edelstein, Co-Managing Pilot for the Port Everglades Pilots Association, to speak to us at our dinner meeting on February 13, 2014.

The strength of any volunteer organization lies in its members, so we need you to become more actively involved with Council activities. A successful team relies on the collective efforts of many, and as the caption on a poster I have in my office indicates, "No One Of Us Is As Strong As All Of Us." Please feel free to let me know if you have any thoughts on what we can do to enhance the value of your Navy League membership. The entire Board and I look forward to working with you in 2014!

Glenn Wiltshire  
CAPT, US Coast Guard Retired  
President



## *GUEST SPEAKER*

### **Captain Andy Edelstein Port Everglades Pilots Association**

Captain Edelstein graduated from the State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler with a B.S. degree in Marine Transportation Management and Economics, an unlimited Tonnage Ocean Third Mates License, and a commission in the US Navy Reserve. He sailed in the deep sea Merchant Marine for 16 years, completing his last stint as Master of a Panamax size Tanker trading in the Coastal US West and Gulf Coast including Alaska. He simultaneously completed 6 years service in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1995 he achieved the pinnacle of his maritime career when he started piloting ships at Port Everglades. Captain Edelstein is currently a senior pilot at Port Everglades, and is also serving as one of two Co-Managing Pilots of the Port Everglades Pilots' Association.

## *ZEUS SEA CADETS*

The Council recently agreed to sponsor the Zeus Division of US Naval Sea Cadets. The cadets were able to participate as the color guard at the installation of 2014 Council officers at which time newly elected Glenn Wiltshire presented a \$500 check and a certificate of appreciation to their commanding officer LTJG Anthony Zayas.

LTJG Zayas was kind enough to provide the following narrative about the Zeus Division. It looks like they are off to a great start; the Council looks forward to watching their progress and having them join us at future events.

Zeus Division and Training Ship Spiegel Grove are two of the newest units to the US Naval Sea Cadet Family. The units were commissioned in June of 2012. The units drill out of two locations - G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School (HQ) and Coast Guard Station Islamorada. In the first year, the unit had great success and was able to participate in numerous parades, usher many school functions, provide color guards as well as visit foreign and domestic ships that came into port. They participated in the Annual Flagship competition and performed beyond expectations. What is in store for these two great units? The sky is the limit.



# *INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS*

Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca conducted the ceremony and also served as guest speaker at the installation of the Council's 2014 Officers on January 18, 2014. Captain James B. Pruett, Sector Miami Deputy Commander, United States Coast Guard, also made remarks. Chaplain Ron Perkins of Seafarers' House gave the invocation and the Zeus Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadets presented the colors. Guests enjoyed cocktails in a beautiful lounge on the ship before moving to the ship's dining room where they were served a 3-course meal.

Serving as the President for 2014 is Glenn Wiltshire, a 30-year veteran of the United States Coast Guard, who is the Port Everglades Deputy Port Director. Other officers are: First Vice President Erwin Sefton; Second Vice President Marianne Giambrone; Vice President Legislative Affairs Robert Marks; Secretary Shelley Beck and Treasurer Tom Carney.



Above: President Glenn Wiltshire presents certificate of appreciation to Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca

The Council appreciates everyone who attended this great event aboard the beautiful Crown Princess. Below are photos of just a few of those in attendance.



Left: Nathan King, Commander, Naval Recruiting Command, with Joe Giambrone



Below: Loretta Young and Virginia Montalvo of the Air Force Association Gold Coast Chapter 351



Above: Members of the Boca Raton Council

Below: Members of the Fort Lauderdale Council



Left: Chaplain Ron Perkins gave the invocation



Below: Captain James Pruett USCG made remarks

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Additional photos from the installation of officers.  
Below: Past President Shelley Beck was presented with a pen/pencil set by incoming President Glenn Wiltshire



Above: George & Rosa Reeves (left) with Tom & Juliana Carney  
Below: Charlie & Diane Schmidt (left) with Tom & Betty McDonald



Below: Beverly Childs and new board member Nancy Lindberg

Tom Melville, President Everglades Council can be seen in the background



## OUTSTANDING SAILORS

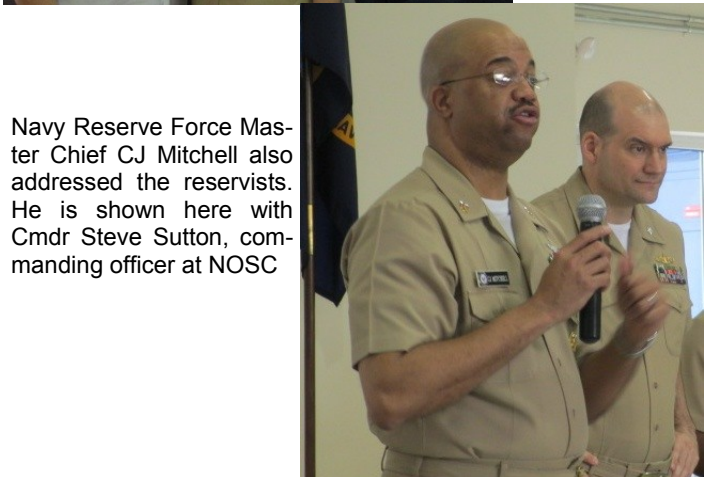
On January 11, 2014, Council members recognized outstanding sailors at the Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC), our adopted unit. The awards were made during the unit's drill weekend when VADM Robin Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve, Commander, Navy Reserve Force was in attendance to speak to the reservists. The Council recognized FTS (full time support) Junior Sailor of the Year MA2 Lorenzo Bell and FTS Blue Jacket Sailor of the Year PSSN Vladimir Mvonotoung. Also recognized were SELRES (Reservists) Sailor of the Year IT1 (IDW) Gabriel Cornejo, Junior Sailor of the Year HM2 Michael Moeller and Blue Jacket of the Year RPSN Keshia Powell (currently deployed).



Shown in photo are Shelley Beck, Bluejacket SOY PSSN Vladimir Mvonotoung, Junior SelRes SOY HM2 Micheal Moeller, Junior SOY MA3 Lorenzo Bell, SOY IT1 Gabriel Cornejo and George Reeves.



Shelley Beck and George Reeves are shown here with VADM Robin Braun



Navy Reserve Force Master Chief CJ Mitchell also addressed the reservists. He is shown here with Cmdr Steve Sutton, commanding officer at NOSC

## FLEET WEEK

Planning is already underway for Fleet Week Port Everglades which will be held from April 28 - May 5, 2014. The USS New York (LPD-21), will be participating. It is the fifth San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock and is the fifth ship of the United States Navy to be named after the State of New York. The ship has a crew of 360 and can carry up to 700 Marines. It is notable for using a symbolic amount of steel salvaged from the World Trade Center after it was destroyed in the September 11 terrorist attacks. The ship is also the first to be designed fully from the CAD-screen up to support all of the Marines' primary mobility capabilities - Landing Craft Air Cushion and MV-22B Osprey. Late last year, the New York shifted homeport from Norfolk to Naval Station Mayport.

You can register as a volunteer to assist at the week's events by visiting [browardnavydaysinc.org](http://browardnavydaysinc.org) and clicking on 'volunteer'.



## NAVY LEAGUE NEWS



The Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition brings the U.S. defense industrial base, private-sector U.S. companies and key military decision makers together for an annual innovative, educational, professional and maritime based event. Sea-Air-Space is now the largest maritime

exposition in the U.S. and continues as an invaluable extension of the Navy League's mission of maritime policy education and sea service support. The Sea-Air-Space Exposition is free to Navy League members. It will be held from April 7-9, 2014 at the Gaylord National Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland. To find out more about the exhibits, seminars and keynote speakers, visit the Navy League website.



The Navy League's 2014 National Convention will be held from June 24 - June 29, 2014 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina in San Diego, California. Registration for the convention will open on March 7th. Visit the Navy

League website for additional information.

## CARE PACKAGES

The Council's Care Package Program has taken on a new meaning since one of our members, Lt. Teresa Perez, was deployed to Djibouti Africa. Teresa has served as the Council's secretary for the past few years. Al and Shelley Stein, coordinators of the Program, have ensured that Teresa knows that the Council is thinking of her. The following is a recent thank you note she sent to Al:

*What a wonderful surprise today at the office when there was "mail call!" The food treats were great! I've already started on the peanuts! I sometimes don't make it to lunch so these come in quite handy! And the hot sauce is PERFECT for our "taco Tuesdays." The wipes are a welcome treat, since everything here is so dusty. I am truly blessed to have friends such as yourselves and the Navy League!*

*God Bless and give my best to Shelley and the Navy League bunch. Miss you all and hope to see you in March during my visit home.*



## COAST GUARD NEWS

This spring will bring a number of departures of familiar Coast Guard personnel. CAPT Kimball from the Air Station has received transfer orders to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC, and CAPT Pruet from Sector Miami has received transfer orders to assume command at Coast Guard Sector Guam. LT Turner from Station Fort Lauderdale will also be transferring but has not yet received his orders. CAPT Rick Kenin from District 7 and Master Chief Pomeroy from the Air Station will be retiring this spring.

HOLD THE DATE for the annual Coast Guard Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ held at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. The event will be held on Saturday, April 12. Look for more information in next month's Helmsman.

## SEA SERVICE NEWS



Guided-missile destroyer USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) departed the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations, after more than six months on station conducting maritime security operations and theater

security cooperation off the Horn of Africa, on January 9th. Bainbridge spent 193 days at sea and conducted six port visits in support of maritime partnerships with Seychelles, Greece, Spain, Italy and Israel. Bainbridge entered the theater in July, transiting through the Mediterranean Sea and Suez Canal, and remained off the Horn of Africa for the majority of her time in the 6th Fleet area of operations. During their time at sea, many Sailors excelled on an individual level, helping one another achieve various watch-standing and warfare qualifications as well as other major career milestones. Seventy-two Sailors earned their Enlisted Surface Warfare qualification, 19 Sailors reenlisted, and 41 advanced in rate during this deployment.



Coast Guard Air Station Miami held a birthday celebration on January 22 for Cmdr. Elmer Stone, considered to be the father of Coast Guard aviation. In early 1915 Stone and another officer, Norman B. Hall, were the first

to suggest that the Coast Guard develop an aviation capability. With the encouragement of their commanding officer, they approached the Curtiss Flying School in Newport News, Virginia about using aircraft in air-sea rescue operations, and participated in experimental flights in a Curtiss model F flying boat. In 1916, Stone was trained in aircraft use at the United States Navy flight facility in Pensacola and also studied aeronautical engineering at the Curtiss factory. On April 10, 1917, Stone became the Coast Guard's first aviator upon graduating from flight training at Pensacola and was appointed as Coast Guard Aviator No. 1 and Naval Aviator No. 38. In May 1919 Stone was the pilot on the first successful transatlantic flight on NC-4. After the historic flight (8 years before the famous flight by Charles Lindbergh), he was awarded the British Air Force Cross by the British government and received a promotion to the temporary rank of captain in September 1919. In November 1920, he was awarded the Navy Cross and Congressional Medal of Achievement for "distinguished service in making the first successful transatlantic flight". (Shown in photo are Master Chief Petty Officer Jeffrey Pomeroy and Lt. Michael Dubinsky.)



Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) Vice Adm. Bill Moran visited our Council's adopted ship, the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), on January 21, 2014. During his visit he

held an all-hands call in the ship's hangar bay to discuss important issues such as pay, benefits, manning and deployment cycles.



The AV-8B Harrier is refueled over Djibouti during the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit's deployment to Africa. The 13th MEU is one of 7 Marine Expeditionary Units currently in existence in the United States

Marine Corps and has about 2,200 personnel. The 13th MEU is currently based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California.



Russell David Johnson, best known for his portrayal as Professor Roy Hinkley on Gilligan's Island passed away on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the age of 89. A little known fact about Russell is that he was also a WWII Veteran. After high school, during World War II, Johnson joined the United States Army Air Forces as an aviation cadet and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He flew 44 combat missions as a bombardier in B-24 Liberator bombers. While

flying as a navigator in a B-24 with the 100th Bombardment Squadron, 42nd Bombardment Group, 13th Air Force, his plane and two other B-24s were shot down in the Philippines in March 1945 during a low-level bombing and strafing run against Japanese targets. The planes were hit by intense flak and had to ditch in the waters off the port of Zamboanga. During the ditching, he broke both his ankles and the radioman next to him was killed, he received a Purple Heart for his injuries. He was also awarded the Air Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three service stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one service star, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant on November 22, 1945. He then joined the Army Reserve and used the GI Bill to fund his acting studies at the Actors Lab in Hollywood.

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Left to right: Alan Starr, Marianne Giambrone, Erwin Sefton, Robert Marks, Tom Carney, Joe Giambrone, Glenn Wiltshire, Larry Ott, Charlie Schmidt, Shelley Beck, George Reeves and in front Nancy Lindberg. Not shown are Board members Wayne McLaren and Al Stein.

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