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## JANUARY EVENT

## NOVEMBER EVENT

### INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

**JANUARY 18, 2014**

(See official invitation inside newsletter)

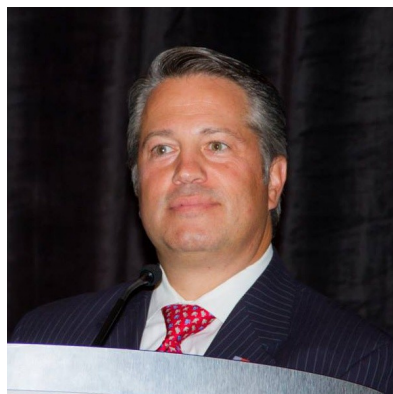
Guest speaker will be  
**CHIP LAMARCA**  
BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Chip LaMarca, a lifelong resident of Broward's fourth district, has earned a reputation for being a citizens' advocate and a respected voice for the taxpayers.

After attending Broward College and later Boston University, Chip returned to Broward County and followed in the footsteps of his late father, helping to bring jobs to Broward in the construction industry. After 20 years of experience in the construction industry, Chip opened LaMarca Construction in 2006.

Chip became active in public service in 2002, serving on many City of Lighthouse Point boards. In 2005, Chip was elected to a seat on the Lighthouse Point City Commission. In 2010, after serving the citizens of Lighthouse Point for two terms, Chip was elected to serve on the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Chip married the former Eileen Dorrego in 1995 and they live in Lighthouse Point.



On November 20, the Council joined with members of Fort Lauderdale Council and Broward Navy Days at Coral Ridge Yacht Club for a dinner social. Rear Admiral John H. Korn, Commander, Seventh District Coast Guard, served as guest speaker (photo below).



Spruance Division Sea Cadets presented the colors at the event.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm thinking of you this time of year, wishing you happiness, joy and cheer. May all your days be warm and bright, and our nights enhanced by holiday light. Enjoy your delectable holiday foods as parties and gifts create holiday moods. Favorite people play a meaningful part while treasured rituals warm your heart. You are special to us in many ways, so I wish each of you a blessed holiday season.

As we celebrate the holiday season and plan ahead for a bright new year, I'd like to personally say thank you! It has been my pleasure to serve as your President these past two years.

During this time, our council has mailed several care packages overseas to the men and women serving this great country. Our many thanks to Al & Shelly Stein for all their time in preparing these packages. Our very own Lt. Teresa Perez, secretary of the council, has been a receiver of these packages for her unit serving in Africa. We wish Teresa and others fair winds and following seas and hurry home to your loved ones. Be safe in your travels. The Council has supported our adopted ships, USS Leyte Gulf and USS Bataan with honoring their Sailors of the Quarter. We thank you all for what you do and for protecting our shores and country.

The Council has officially adopted the USCGC Robert Yered, stationed in Miami Beach, and we welcome you to our family. Lt. Stepler and the crew are looking forward to a long relationship with our Council.

We have had many guest speakers over the past two years who have enlightened us on many topics; I thank each of them for taking the time out of their busy schedules to join us. The Council, with Fort Lauderdale Council and Broward Navy Days, held joint dinner socials and meet and greets with several ship personnel and I look forward to more gatherings in 2014.

I want to thank my board of directors over these past two years for all their support and time given back to the Council. I want to congratulate Glenn Wiltshire on his election as our incoming President and wish his board of directors and officers all the best. Save the date, January 18<sup>th</sup>, for the installation of officers.

All the Best,

Shelley



## CARE PACKAGES



Recently the Council's efforts to provide care packages to deployed military got a boost from Tijuana Flats who provided hot sauce and t-shirts. Below are two of the thank you emails received from the recipients of these items.

*I have received your packages you sent out. I apologize for the delay as I've been away from our camp visiting my other teams spread throughout Western Afghanistan. Most of them got here last week and a couple others had trickled in shortly after. Thank you very much we have really went to town on that hot sauce and the guys have been using the "Just in Queso" shirts to workout in. I've got a few of your packages on the next flight out to some of our teams to ensure everyone is getting them.*

*I am so proud of our Marines out here they have been working their tails off since we've put boots on the ground. Work has been non stop and it is getting more and more complicated as we near the Afghan elections. It sure helps with making the time go by though that's for sure. Thanks again for all your support! The guys really do appreciate being thought of and supported with care packages. Hope you had a fantastic Thanksgiving and even a better Christmas Holiday to come. From the Marines of Marine Special Operations Command, Hotel Company.*

*Chad Miller*

*I wanted to personally thank you for supporting us in the field here in Afghanistan. As the U.S. continues to finish the mission here, we have come to expect less and less interest in our daily, living conditions. Thanks to you and your generosity, we know that the folks back at home really care about us.*

*I'm currently assigned to a unit on FOB SHANK in central Afghanistan. Our living conditions are quite expeditionary, so the snacks and personal care items are a warm reminder of home. We all look forward to the day when we can say goodbye to our 'temporary' home and return to the ones who care for us.*

*Please let everyone know with the Just in Queso Foundation, Tijuana Flats, and especially Jesse Jenkins that I am extremely grateful and look forward to being able to enjoy some great Tex/Mex cooking when I return to Miami after the first of the year.*

*Very Respectfully,  
ISC(EXW/SS) Tim Dickey  
NOSC Miami*



## NOVEMBER EVENT

Below are additional photos from the November dinner social held at Coral Ridge Yacht Club.



(left to right): Shelley Beck, Council President; Mary Anne Gray, President/Executive Director, Broward Navy Days; RADM Korn; Lynn Drucker, President Fort Lauderdale Council



(left to right) Robert Marks, Lt. Paul Stepler, Erwin Sefton and Larry Ott. Lt Stepler is the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Robert Yered which the Council recently adopted



(left to right) Council President Shelley Beck, Jenny Ceasar, RADM Korn, Robert Marks, Carolyn Marks. Ms. Ceasar is the Broward County Outreach Coordinator for Congresswoman Lois Frankel

## CIVIL AFFAIRS GROUP

Past President George Reeves attended the Activation Ceremony at the Navy Operational Support Center on Sunday, December 15. This command encompasses the TOW unit at the Marine Reserve Center, our Council's adopted unit. Col. Augustin Bolanio is the CO of this Civil Affairs Group (CAG) and Lt. Col. Aaron Craig will be the Inspector-Instructor. First Sgt is Edgar Harris, Jr. Present at the ceremony was BGen Paul Libidine, CO Force Headquarters Group and BGen David Coffman, CO, Marforth South. BGen Libidine was principal speaker and recognized our Council as well as the representative of the Marine Corps League. Many of our members met Col. Craig at the November dinner meeting co-hosted with Fort Lauderdale Council.

The following article and photo appeared on the Marines.com website and explains the change that took place at this unit.

*As part of the commandant-directed Force Structure Review, the 4th Civil Affairs Group was reactivated during a ceremony in Hialeah, Fla., Dec. 15. "Today we are born as a civil affairs group, as a unit and as a family," said Col. Augustin Bolanio, commanding officer for 4th CAG. "Every one of you will do well, because you have already proven, right from the beginning, that you can perform in all civil affairs matters." The 4th CAG is not a brand-new unit, but was reactivated after FSR prompted changes in the force. The unit that was previously dubbed 4th CAG, based in Washington, D.C., is now the 2nd CAG. The new structure provides the Marine Corps with four CAGs, doubling its pre-FSR numbers. Each of the four CAGs are a part of Marine Forces Reserve, making civil affairs operations a capability unique to the Marine Corps Reserve. The 4th CAG's mission, when deployed, is to act as the conduit between U.S. military forces and the local population, civilian authorities and non-governmental organizations. Civil affairs Marines, on many occasions, have distinguished themselves in Iraq and Afghanistan by working together with local citizens, soldiers and Marines operating near their homes and businesses to improve relations and understanding between them.*



*Colonel Augustin Bolanio (center), the commanding officer of the 4th Civil Affairs Group, Sgt. Maj. Mark Davis (left), and Lt. Col. Jeremy Chio (right), stand at attention after uncasing the unit battle colors during the reactivation ceremony*

*of the 4th CAG. The Marines hosted community members and distinguished visitors during a re-activation ceremony that marked the official standing up of the first Marine Corps civil affairs group in South Florida. The civil affairs group will be the conduit between the U.S. military forces and civilian authorities, local population and non-governmental organizations and will conduct civil military activities to enhance the relationship with host nation personnel and publics.*



## REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Broward Navy Days hosted a remembrance ceremony marking the 72nd anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on Sunday, December 8 at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. Survivors Abe Stein and Edward Hammond participated along with the Spruance Division Sea Cadets, local Coast Guardsmen and dignitaries.



Board member LCDR Alan Starr addressed the group.



Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca made presentation to survivor Abe Stein



Spruance Division Sea Cadets

## CNO LUNCHEON

On Thursday, November 14, Broward Navy Days hosted a luncheon honoring Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, US Navy. Business leaders, active duty military, reserves and veterans, and members of the Navy League attended the event that was held at the Trump National Doral Country Club. During his remarks, Admiral Greenert announced the USS. New York, a ship built with steel recovered from the Twin Towers, would be visiting South Florida during Fleet Week Port Everglades this spring. He also briefed the group on the Navy's current deployment plans and several new weapons and technology systems.



Admiral Greenert



Navy League members Alicia Romano, Garry Murphy and Janice Chizmar



## HONORING OUR MILITARY

The following sailors from the USS Leyte Gulf were recognized for the 3rd Quarter 2013. The Council provided each of these sailors with a certificate and monetary award.



Above: Sailor of the Quarter – IS1(SW) Jason Chidester  
Below: Junior Sailor of the Quarter – GM2(SW) Justin Pruet



Photo of Bluejacket of the Quarter – CTR3 Allison Hunt—  
is not available.

The following sailors from the USS Bataan were recognized for the 3rd Quarter 2013. The Council provided each of these sailors with a certificate and monetary award.



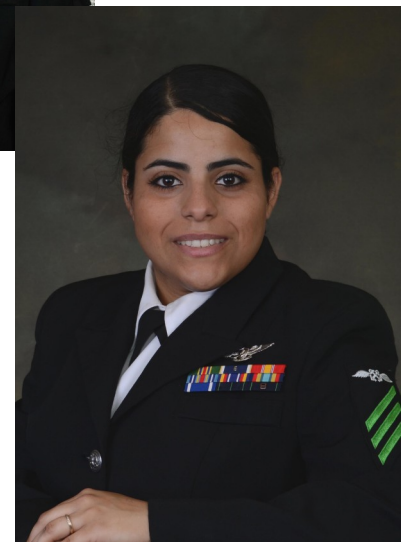
Senior Sailor of  
the Quarter  
IT1(IDW/SW/AW) Conrad  
Alexander

Sailor of the Quarter  
ABF2(AW/SW)  
Rodney Randall



Junior Sailor of  
the Quarter  
CTT3 Jennifer Marks

Bluejacket of  
the Quarter  
ABHAN(AW) Elizabeth  
Blasco



# HONORING OUR MILITARY

The following sailors from the USS Bataan were recognized for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013. The Council provided each of these sailors with a certificate and monetary award.



Senior Sailor of the Quarter  
MM1(SW/AW) Floyd Hollier



Senior Sailor of the Year  
CS1(SW/AW/EXW/FMF) Darryl Smith

Sailor of the Quarter  
LS2(SW/AW) Charles McNeely



Sailor of the Year  
AE2(AW/SW) Collin Peskett



Junior Sailor of the Quarter  
DC3(SW) Donald E. Torres



Junior Sailor of the Year  
DC3(SW) Donald E. Torres



Bluejacket of the Quarter  
ABHAN Evan Reyes



Bluejacket of the Year  
ABHAN(AW) Elizabeth Blasco





## COUNCIL MEMBERS HONORED

Two Council members were recently honored by the Florida Panthers hockey team as part of their Heroes Among Us program.

According to the team's website, The InCapital Heroes Among Us program presented by Rick Case gives special recognition to individual heroes in the community who go above and beyond to serve and inspire others, exhibit dedication and selflessness in the community, make a special and significant impact on others, families or the community at large. Forty-one heroes will be chosen throughout the season and will be invited to a 2013-14 Panthers home game where they will receive special recognition during the in-game presentation.

These snapshots were taken from the Panthers website. Board member Alan Starr was honored at the game on November 5 and member Janette Chandler was honored at the game on October 11.

### SR. CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ALAN STARR HONORED

Chief Starr began his Naval career at age 14 with one of the first Naval Sea Cadet Corp units in the country. At age 17 he joined the Navy where he served 28 years of service before retiring and joining the Naval Sea Cadets in Ft. Lauderdale. Here he has been the mentor for hundreds of young men & women and he has moved more cadets to Naval Academies than any other youth development program. Alan has lived his life to make a difference and he does so in all aspects of the community.



### CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JANETTE R CHANDLER HONORED

Chief Petty Officer Janette R Chandler was born in Brooklyn, New York. She enlisted in the Navy in 1989. In her career she twice won the sailor of the year award and has amassed over 30 merit medals during her service to our country. Upon retirement she has taken a role as the family readiness support assistant serving over 2,000 soldiers and over 4000 family members. Recently she was recognized by the department of defense with the prestigious Seven Seals award all while serving as wife to her husband Steven and mother to her daughter Melody.



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Congratulations to Alan and Janette!

## IN MEMORIAM



Petty Officer Christopher Curtis Page, 28, of Deerfield Beach passed away on November 7, 2013 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. A memorial service to celebrate and remember his life was held at U S Coast Guard Air Station Miami on November 21.

Christopher was born May 16, 1985, in Youngstown, Ohio. He grew up in Berlin Center and graduated from Berlin Western Reserve High School in 2003.

Christopher was an accomplished sailor, and with his love of the water, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on October 28, 2003. Over the past 10 years, he served his country with two tours in Iraq and missions in more than 29 countries around the world. His current unit was TACLET South Team LEDET 405. Christopher has been awarded more than 19 medals and ribbons during his military career. Some of his highest awards or medals are the Navy Marine Corps Accommodation Medal, two Coast Guard Achiever Medals, the Navy Marine Achievement Medal, the Coast Guard Letter of Accommodation, National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Christopher was also an accomplished snow skier and a certified snow ski instructor. He loved cars, boats and motorcycles. He was a member of the Church by the Glades in Florida. His greatest love was his wife, Alana, his daughter, Madison; and his family.

## USCG CUTTER DAVID



Coast Guard Cutter Charles David Jr was commissioned into service on November 16 at Coast Guard Sector Key West. Charles David Jr is the first of six Fast Response Cutters (FRC) to be home-

ported in Key West and the seventh vessel to be delivered through the Coast Guard's Sentinel-class FRC recapitalization project.

The cutter's namesake, Steward's Mate 1st Class Charles W. David Jr., was posthumously awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal and the Immortal Chaplains Prize for Humanity for his heroism during the 1943 rescue of survivors from the torpedoed Army transport ship Dorchester.



## COAST GUARD CUTTER ROBERT YERED

The Council is proud to announce that it has formally adopted the Coast Guard Cutter Robert Yered. Council board members attended the adoption ceremony on Monday, November 18, at the Coast Guard Base in Miami Beach. The adoption ceremony was held on the Yered where an adoption plaque was presented. In addition, the Council made a donation to the unit's Morale Fund.

The ship is named for Robert J. Yered who was an engine specialist in the United States Coast Guard and who was awarded a Silver Star for heroic action during the War in Vietnam. Yered was a member of the explosive loading detail at the US Army Terminal, Cat Lai, Vietnam. On the morning of February 18, 1968, the terminal was attacked by enemy rocket, mortar and small arms fire. With the terminal on fire and barges dangerously close to exploding, Yered courageously exposed himself to enemy gunfire as he helped extinguish fires. His bravery averted not only the destruction of his own ship but also that of the entire terminal.

The Yered, which is homeported in Miami, is 154' long, has a beam of 25', and a maximum sustained speed of more than 28 knots. The Yered is armed with a stabilized 25mm machine-gun mount and four crew-served .50-caliber machine guns. It is the fourth Sentinel Class Fast Response Cutter. The cutters are designed to conduct maritime drug interdiction, alien migrant interdiction, search and rescue, national defense, homeland security, living marine resources and other Coast Guard missions.

Enlisted Person of the Quarter BM1 Jeffrey Foster (shown below) was recognized with a certificate and monetary award. Enlisted Person of the Quarter MK2 Kealii Aipia will be recognized at a later date.



The crew and guests on the deck of the Yered during the adoption ceremony.



Council President Shelley Beck gives remarks before making the presentation to Lt. Paul Stepler, Commanding Officer of the Yered.



Captain Austin J. Gould Jr., Sector Commander Miami, and Board member LCDR Alan Starr look on during presentation.





## SEA SERVICE NEWS



Vice Adm. Michelle Howard has been nominated to serve the second in command of the U.S. Navy, making her the first African American female to be nominated for the rank of admiral. If confirmed, she will replace current Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO), Adm. Mark E. Ferguson, for the position serving directly

under CNO Adm. Jonathan Greenert. Ferguson, in turn, has been nominated to command the U.S. Navy's forces in Europe, Africa and lead Allied Joint Forces Command in Naples, Italy. Howard is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and was the first African American woman to command a U.S. Navy ship — USS Rushmore (LSD-47) — in 1999. She has also commanded the Amphibious Squadron Seven, Expeditionary Strike Group Two and Task Force 151 — the U.S. led multi-national anti-piracy operation off the coast of Somalia. Howard is currently the Deputy CNO for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5). If confirmed by the Senate, Howard will be the first female four star in the Navy. In 2008 U.S. Army Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody became the first female officer in U.S. military history to earn a fourth star. Howard's nomination is following a trend from the Obama administration to place more women in higher defense positions.



Rodolfo P. "Rudy" Hernandez, a Medal Of Honor recipient from the Korean war passed away on December 21 at the age of 82 at Womack Army Medical Center after battling cancer. Hernandez was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions near Wontong-ni, Korea, when, on May 31, 1951,

his platoon was the object of a numerically superior enemy counterattack. A grenade explosion that blew away part of his brain knocked him unconscious. He had received grenade, bayonet, and bullet wounds, and woke up a month later in a military hospital, unable to move his arms or legs or to talk. After many surgeries and physical therapy over a five-year period, Hernandez regained limited use of his right arm and learned to write with his left hand. On April 12, 1952, President Harry S. Truman bestowed upon Hernandez the Medal of Honor in a ceremony held in the White House Rose Garden. In August 2013, Fort Bragg's Warrior Transition Battalion Complex was re-dedicated in his name.



Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus approved a proposal by Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Bill Moran to redesign the Service Dress Blue (SDB) uniform worn by female Sailors E1-E6

and to redesign the female combination cover for E7 and above. "These changes ensure greater uniformity in our service and ceremonial dress, but more importantly, they send a clear signal that we are one in dress, one in standard and one in team. As you look out across a group of Sailors, you ought to see, not female and male Sailors, but Sailors," said Mabus. (Photo: Lt. Heidi Boettger and Chief Yeoman Brianne Dentson model a prototype for the female combination cover, redesigned to more closely resemble the male version.)



Starting in April 2014, the United States Navy Memorial will celebrate "The Year of the Coast Guard," honoring all

Coast Guard men and women for their service to our nation with a major exhibit, a series of special programs and events throughout the year. The exhibit will follow on the successful series that has honored Navy Special Warfare, The Seabees, Navy Supply, Naval Aviation, and the Year of the Chief and the current "Year of Military Women." The exhibit will be open on April 12 at the Navy Memorial's Naval Heritage Center during the annual Blessing of the Fleets Celebration. The exhibit will cover the historical contributions of the Coast Guard to our national defense and highlight the important contemporary roles of the service. This exhibit marks another first for the Navy Memorial which honors all the sea services which have served our Nation, including the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Merchant Marine.



On December 7, sailors aboard the USS Bataan LHD5 conducted a burial at sea for 16 former service members, including a rear admiral, and 3 spouses. Bataan Chaplains Lt Cmdr William Dermott and LTJG Hardy Owens shared the honor of offering prayers for those committed to sea. The ship is currently underway with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit for Composite Training Unit Exercise in preparation for deployment in 2014.

***INSTALLATION OF 2014 OFFICERS***

**NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES  
BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA COUNCIL**

**Cordially invites you to join us for the  
Installation of Officers for 2014  
aboard the Crown Princess  
Port Everglades, Florida  
on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 11:30 AM**

**Guest Speaker will be  
Broward County Commission Chip LaMarca**

**The following officers will be installed:  
President – Glenn Wiltshire  
First Vice President – Erwin Sefton  
Second Vice President – Marianne Giambrone  
VP Legislative Affairs – Robert Marks  
Secretary – Shelley Beck**

**Boarding begins at approximately 10:30 AM  
followed by Installation and Luncheon  
\$35 per person / \$65 per couple**

**Princess requires all attendees submit security information  
Mail information below along with your check payable to BCNL  
no later than January 10, 2014  
(reservations CANNOT be guaranteed after this date)**

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**Mail to: Marianne Giambrone, 1546 Barcelona Way, Weston FL 33327**

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# CNO LUNCHEON



Photo was taken at the November 14th luncheon honoring Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert

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