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JUNE EVENT

BROWARD COUNTY
AND FORT LAUDERDALE COUNCILS

Invite you to a presentation, tour of the bridge & engine room simulators* and a bridge simulator demonstration at

THE STAR CENTER
2 West Dixie Highway, Dania Beach

Thursday, June 12, 2014 6:30 PM

Price: \$30 per person (payable in advance)

Price includes dinner of honey garlic chicken, shredded pork in lime sauce, black beans & rice, corn, tropical salad, rolls & butter, cake slices and soda/water/sweet tea. Guests are invited to bring their own wine or beer.

Due to limited space for the simulator tours, reservations will be accepted until we reach capacity.

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Broward Council Navy League (or BCNL)
no later than June 6 to
Marianne Giambrone
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*please note that guests must negotiate 6 steps to reach the simulator

MAY DINNER SOCIAL



The May dinner social was held on May 8 at Tropical Acres Restaurant with guest speaker Tim Lewis. Those who missed the event truly missed an outstanding presentation. Tim shared his Air Force experiences, which, at times, were very dangerous. He then gave some insight into security at Miami International Airport and answered numerous questions from the audience.

During the evening, Dottie Kirk was recognized by Council President Glenn Wiltshire for her more than 20 years of dedication to the Navy League. Dottie will be relocating sometime this year and the Council acknowledged her efforts with the presentation of a plaque.

Also recognized during the evening was James Lee who has sent care packages for the past several years to our deployed military as well as sailors aboard the USS Leyte Gulf. Unfortunately James could not be attendance so his grandmother Dorothy Porges accepted the award on his behalf.

Taravella High School JROTC cadets presented the colors; their commanding officer, CDR Bowen, addressed the audience.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My thanks to all that were able to make it to our May dinner meeting, where we were able to hear our guest speaker, Tim Lewis, Col. USAF Retired and currently the Deputy Federal Security Director for the Transportation Security Administration at Miami International Airport. Tim was able to fill us in on what TSA is focused on during airport screening as well as to talk about his Air Force experiences in special operations. His box of props showing the type of things that can be used as bomb-making materials aboard planes was especially interesting. We also welcomed new members David and Alycia Hendry, presented a Community Affiliate plaque to Jack Studiale, and had a chance to thank a very special member, Dottie Kirk, for her over 21 years of service to our Council before she moves upstate to be closer to her family.

Our next dinner meeting will be held jointly with the Fort Lauderdale Council at the STAR Center in Dania Beach on Thursday, June 12th. Did you ever wonder what type of training that our merchant mariners go through to safely operate ships that are sometimes over 3 football fields long and weigh over 100,000 tons? Then come on out and listen to our own Council member Graeme Holman speak about the maritime training programs at the STAR Center and show us the ship simulators there. I hope you will join us at our last dinner meeting before we take our summer break for this experience that can't be missed.

Fleet Week 2014 is now complete, and the results of months of planning and hard work by Broward Navy Days and the numerous other volunteer organizations (including many members from our Council) showed our sea services the best that this area has to offer. As I noted last month, numerous members of our Council filled key BND leadership roles that week, including Joe and Marianne Giambone, Shelley Beck, Erwin Sefton, Bob Marks, Alan Starr, and Ernie Gorwood to name a few. Thanks as well to the numerous council volunteers that helped out at all the Fleet Week events and staffed our soda and water sales table at the port and/or donated supplies that allowed us to bring in over \$800 that will be put to good use supporting our sea service programs. Our Council was also well represented at all of the events that week. Plans have already started for next year, so I hope we can get even more members involved.

Finally, as usually happens this time of year, we said goodbye to some good Coast Guard friends as LT Paul Turner was relieved of command at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale for his next assignment in Saudi Arabia and Master Chief Pomeroy and CAPT Rick Kenin retired after long years of exemplary service, and we welcomed LT Mark Ketchum and his family to the Coast Guard Station. The Council was represented at each event, and I was able to present certificates of appreciation and coins to each, and a Navy League application to the retirees! Next to be departing due to change of commands at

our adopted units will be LT Paul Stepler from the USCGC ROBERT YERED and CAPT Joe Kimball from USCG Air Station Miami. I hope we have a good turnout of members to wish them well and welcome their reliefs!

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



THE STAR CENTER

For those who may not be familiar with the STAR Center, the following information was taken from their website (www.star-center.com).

STAR Center is a not-for-profit maritime training school that is the top choice of inland and ocean-going professional mariners throughout the world. Opening in 1983 in Toledo, Ohio, we expanded to our current location in Dania Beach, Florida (just south of Fort Lauderdale) in 1986, consolidating all training there in October 2008. After extensive facility improvements, we opened for business with the world's first 360° field-of-view Full Mission bridge simulator, and a second 247° (subsequently upgraded to 270°) field of view bridge simulator, in 1993. We now offer more U.S. Coast Guard and other approved courses than any other simulation training center. Our courses meet USCG, STCW, and IMO Model requirements, as well as many additional courses designed by our in-house curriculum development team to meet company-specific training requirements.

STAR Center features the most advanced simulation training equipment including:

1. A 360° Full Mission bridge
2. A 270° Full Mission bridge
3. Dynamic Positioning simulators, Nautical Institute approved.
4. A Slow Speed Diesel engine room simulator
5. The world's first Full Mission Diesel Electric simulator
6. Kongsberg "Neptune" Liquid Cargo simulator
7. MPRI (L3) LNG Simulator
8. Radar/ARPA simulators
9. Transas ECDIS and Poseidon GMDSS simulators

STAR Center also features in-house modeling capabilities for port development, ship response models, research, and forensic maritime studies.

MAY DINNER SOCIAL



Above: Taravella High School JROTC Color Guard
Below: Long time members Luke and Mariana Thompson



Below: Wayne McLaren, CDR Bowen, Charlie Schmidt and Bob Marks



Above: Dottie Kirk receives a plaque from President Glenn Wiltshire

Middle: Dorothy Porges accepts award on behalf of her grandson James Lee

Bottom: Jenny Ceasar, Broward Outreach Coordinator with Shelley Beck



MAY DINNER SOCIAL

Jack Studiale of Tropical Acres was presented the Navy League Community Affiliate plaque for recently renewing the restaurant's membership.



New members Alycia and David Hendry are shown with Council President Glenn Wiltshire.



All the women in attendance received a carnation in honor of Mother's Day! Shown are Phyllis Bannister (left) and Diane Schmidt.



CHANGE OF COMMAND

On May 2, 2014, a change of command was held at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale. At that time, LT Paul E Turner was relieved by LT Mark R. Ketchum. Council President Glenn Wiltshire served as guest speaker at the event. Lt Ketchum and his wife Hayley attended the Council's May dinner social and are shown in the photo with member Larry Ott.



OUTSTANDING COUNCIL

Council Performance Awards are presented annually at the Navy League's National Convention. Recipients are selected by an Awards Committee appointed by the National President after they review the annual report which must be submitted by each Council President. The annual report outlines the Council's activities including support of the sea services, sea service families, and our youth. Activities related to legislative affairs and community involvement are also included in the report. The Awards Committee determines whether a Council's activities deserve an outstanding, meritorious or honorable mention award based on the degree to which the Council meets criteria outlined in the Navy League Operations Manual.

The Broward County Council was recently informed that it has been rated Outstanding for 2013. The award will be presented in San Diego at the National Convention, which is being held June 24–June 29. Other Florida Councils who will be recognized as Outstanding Councils are Key West, Mayport, St. Augustine and Tampa. Daytona Beach will receive a Meritorious Council award.

JROTC AWARDS

The Navy League has established a Youth Medal that is awarded to outstanding Navy and Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) cadets and Naval Sea Cadets. The award consists of a medal, ribbon bar, certificate, and pamphlet on President Theodore Roosevelt whose visage is on the medal. Each year, the Council presents this medal (better known as the Teddy Roosevelt medal) to outstanding cadets at each of the schools the Council sponsors. The outstanding cadet is chosen by the commander of their JROTC unit.

This year, the Council was proud to award the Teddy Roosevelt medal to these outstanding cadets:

Cooper City High School - Steven Bauer
Flanagan High School – Nii Amoo Quaye
Mast Academy – Kevin Lorie
Nova High School – Moshoor Chowdhury
Stranahan High School – Israt Zahan
J. P. Taravella High School – Mathew Cohen



LCDR Alan Starr presented the Teddy Roosevelt medal to Flanagan High School JROTC cadet Nii Amoo Quaye



Past President George Reeves presented the Teddy Roosevelt medal to Mast Academy JROTC Cadet Kevin Lorie. Also shown in the photo is Senior Maritime Science Instructor Capt Glenn Grahl USCG Retired.

CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

The Council's Care Package Program continues to provide much appreciated items to our deployed military. Please consider making a donation of personal care items or cash towards this very important program. You can bring your donation to any Council event or you can mail a check to Broward County Council, P O Box 39252, Fort Lauderdale FL 33339. Your check should be made payable to BCNL; be sure to designate 'care package program' on the check.

The following thank you emails were received from 1stSgt Nicholas Imperial, H&S Company.

Alan, more packages have arrived. My Marines opened them before I could count...our camera memory card was erased however I will get some pictures for you and the supporters. Again I TRULY appreciate the support you have given and obtained for us!

Alan, I am looking at 5 boxes in my office that I will pass out to our Marines/sailors...the support is wonderful and I cannot thank you enough!

Thanks to Board Member Alan Stein for diligently keeping track of the units that are deployed and/or who are scheduled to be deployed. He is the key to ensuring these deployed individuals know that there is still support for them back home.

LEGION OF HONOR



Twenty-two World War II veterans who fought alongside French forces received special recognition by the French Government at a ceremony held on the flight deck of the USS New York during Fleet Week .

US veterans who risked their life during World War II to fight on French territory and who are awarded this distinction are appointed to the rank of Knight of the

Legion of Honor. Created to honor extraordinary contributions to the country, the Legion of Honor is France's highest distinction. To be eligible to this outstanding award, the veteran has to fit strict criteria including having fought in at least one of the 3 main campaigns of the Liberation of France: Normandy, Provence/Southern France or Northern France. Since only a small number of Legion of Honor medals are awarded each year in the United States, care is taken to award only those with the most distinguished records; veterans must have received such decorations as the Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and Silver Star.

See photos of the event on the Fleet Week pages of the newsletter.

FLEET WEEK 2014

Fleet Week 2014 has come and gone but the memories will last for years to come. Thanks to all who volunteered at the numerous events and to those who attended some of the public events. The crews of the USS New York, USCGC Dependable and USCGC Bernard C. Webber enjoyed numerous events during the week. Public events included the All Hands on Deck Welcome Reception, Salute to Veterans, Galley Wars competition, Enlisted Person of the Year reception and ship tours. Some of you may not know of other events that are held for our visiting military such as the golf classic, military appreciation night at Marlins Stadium, hospital and school visits, take a hero fishing outing, damage control Olympics sponsored by Resolve Marine Group, tennis with the pros and hospitality events sponsored by local American Legion Posts. The photos on the next 2 pages will give you a snapshot of the events held throughout the week. Additional photos are on the Council's website and Facebook page as well as on the Facebook page of Fleet Week Port Everglades.

ALL HANDS ON DECK WELCOMING PARTY



FLEET WEEK GOLF CLASSIC



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FLEET WEEK 2014

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FLEET WEEK 2014



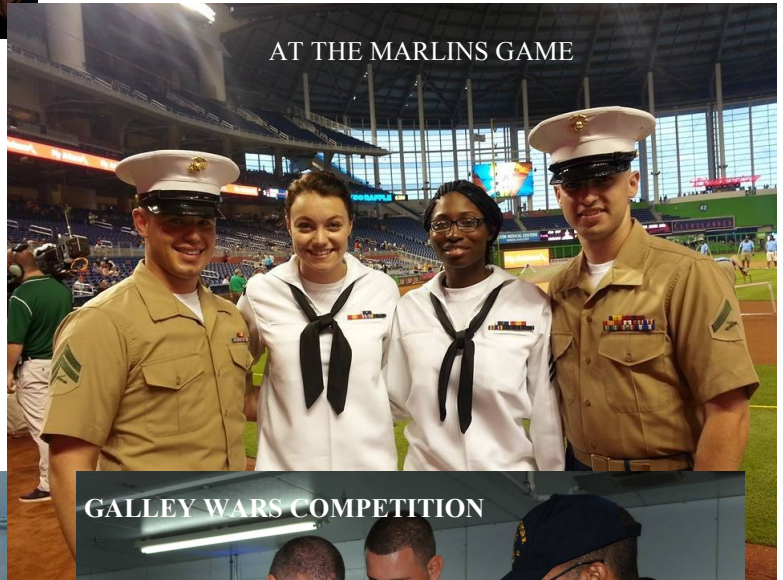
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GALLEY WARS COMPETITION



CELEBRITY LUNCH AT CHEF'S PALETTE



CELEBRITY LUNCH AT COAST GUARD STATION

FLEET WEEK 2014

Our Council once again hosted the Junior Officers' Party at Briny's Irish Pub on April 29. The party was very well attended and it was a great evening for the military to relax and for the civilians to get to know these fine men and women a little better and to express our gratitude for their service to our country.



COAST GUARD RETIREMENT

On May 23, a retirement ceremony was held in honor of United States Coast Guard Captain Richard "Rick" Kenin. Captain Kenin has been a good friend to the Council for many years and several Council members attended the event which was held at Air Station Miami. Captain Kenin and his family will be relocating to the Boston area and we wish them the best of luck as they start this new chapter in their lives.



Above: Council President Glenn Wiltshire presents Captain Kenin with a Certificate of Appreciation

Below: Captain Kenin and his family with RADM Jake Korn



Below: Phyllis Bannister, Janna Maes, Joe Giambrone, James Maes and Garry Murphy



SEA SERVICE NEWS



The U.S. Coast Guard and the Nigerian Navy held a ceremony on May 7 in North Charleston to officially sign the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter Gallatin over to

the Nigerian Navy. The Gallatin was offered to Nigeria through the Foreign Assistance Act (FSA) and was decommissioned from Coast Guard service on March 31, 2014. The FSA allows the transfer of excess defense articles as a grant to friendly foreign governments under the auspices of the State Department. During the ceremony, Coast Guard Chief Acquisition Officer Rear Adm. Bruce Baffer and Nigerian Minister of State for Defence Musiliu Obanikoro signed transfer documents in front of U.S. and Nigerian spectators, marking the official handoff of the ship to Nigeria. Baffer said the transfer was bitter-sweet but said he believes the ship, renamed NNS Okpabana, will provide valuable service to Nigeria. Obanikoro said the ship will strengthen Nigeria's capabilities to safeguard the country's waters and offshore resources and thanked America for support provided to his nation.



The White House recently announced that William "Kyle" Carpenter would become the eighth living veteran of U.S. combat in Iraq and Afghanistan to receive the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award. The ceremony will be held on June 19. Carpenter was wounded in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on November 21, 2010, while serving as a machine gunner. Carpenter and another Marine were manning a rooftop position during a firefight with Taliban insurgents when a hand grenade landed nearby. Carpenter rushed toward the grenade and his body took most of the blast; he lost most of his jaw and an eye. The other Marine, Lance Cpl. Nicholas Eufrazio, also was injured. Carpenter said he had to be revived while being evacuated by helicopter from the battle and was labeled dead on arrival at a field hospital. He later nearly died again at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Carpenter, medically retired from the Marine Corps last year as a corporal, is now a student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.



USS Bataan Seaman Brandon Ellis of Houston directs a landing craft air cushion onto the beach during exercise Eager Lion 2014 in preparation for training with multinational partners to demonstrate interoperability. The

Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit are participating in exercise Eager Lion 2014, which is a multinational exercise designed to strengthen military-to-military relationships and enhance security and stability in the region by responding to modern-day security scenarios.



The Coast Guard welcomed the newest fast response cutter to the fleet on May 10 as Coast Guard Cutter Kathleen Moore was commissioned in Key West. The cutter is named after Coast Guard heroine Kathleen "Kate"

Moore, keeper of the Black Rock Harbor Light on Fayerweather Island, a small seaside community south of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Moore served for 72 years and is officially credited with saving 21 lives. She retired from service in 1878 at the age of 84. Photo shows Lt. Gregory Higgins, commanding officer of the USCGC Kathleen Moore.



Established during the Civil War as a burial ground for Union soldiers, Arlington National Cemetery has taken in the remains of more than 400,000 Americans. More

than 4 million people visit the cemetery annually. Through June, the cemetery will host a series of events to commemorate Arlington's 150 years as a national cemetery. There are nearly 5,000 unknown soldiers buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The "Tomb of the Unknowns" has never been officially named and is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The cemetery will host lectures and tours that highlight the history of the United States through the eyes of the heroes buried at Arlington and the military conflicts that shaped the cemetery and the nation. For more information and details about "Arlington at 150": The commemoration of Arlington National Cemetery's 150th Anniversary, visit their website: www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

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MEMBERSHIP

The Council welcomes

David and Alycia Hendry

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FLEET WEEK—COUNCIL FUNDRAISER



The Council set up at table at Port Everglades and sold water, soda and Council coins during Fleet Week. Council volunteers also told visitors about the Navy League and our Council. Thanks to those volunteers who manned the table!

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