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MARCH EVENT

Dinner Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2014

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road,
Fort Lauderdale

PROGRAM:

LTGEN Patrick Hughes, US Army (retired)
Former Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
and

Assistant Secretary for Intelligence at the
Department of Homeland Security

Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Choice of:

Prime Rib of Beef
Seabass Oreganato

Members and Guests - \$35.00
Active Military and Spouses: \$25.00

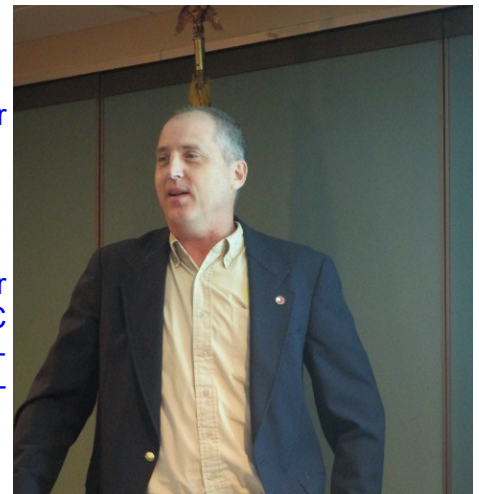
Please RSVP your dinner choice
on or before March 9
by e-mailing browardnavyleague@gmail.com
or
calling Joan at 561-336-3610

FEBRUARY EVENT

The weather kept our scheduled speaker Andy Edelstein from making it to our February dinner social. However, Captain Mark Patterson of the Port Everglades Pilots Association did an outstanding job of filling in at the last minute. The audience learned a lot about what it takes to become a pilot and the role they play in the movement of ships in and out of the port.

Guest speaker
Mark Patterson

Below: Cooper
City NJROTC
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My thanks to all that were able to make it to our February dinner meeting, where we all learned a lot from Captain Mark Patterson about the Port Everglades Pilots Association and how they safely move thousands of large ships into and out of Port Everglades each year. In addition to his pilotage responsibilities, Captain Patterson is also a Reserve CAPT in the US Navy and routinely deploys to the Middle East to serve as a pilot on military vessels there. Our speaker at our dinner meeting on March 13th at Tropical Acres will be Lieutenant General Patrick Hughes, US Army Retired, who will be speaking to us about his experiences during his distinguished military career that concluded as Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. 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.

We have been advised by the Florida Region President that the Navy League will be increasing member dues as of April 1, 2014 due to increasing costs. Until then, they have reduced the cost to become a life member and will allow early renewals for those paying annual dues at the current member rates. You can renew early on line at <http://navyleague.org/membership/life-member-sale.html> or contact George Reeves and he can take care of it for you. I also encourage our members who have not done so already to also pay local dues (which are not going up), since that is what the Council uses to defray the costs to support our numerous Sea Services and youth programs.

Finally, as we get closer to Fleet Week 2014, the Coast Guard announced that the USCGC DEPENDABLE, a 210 foot Medium Endurance Cutter, will be joining the USS NEW YORK and the USCGC BERNARD C WEBBER, the first Fast Response Cutter commissioned by the Coast Guard. Our own Shelley Beck is coordinating volunteers for Fleet Week, which begins on April 28th and runs through May 5th. Please let her know if you are available to assist with any of the numerous activities that week. Our Council will be hosting the Junior Officer Party on Tuesday, April 29th, and we'll also be staffing a booth during the week and will need volunteers for that as well. I hope that we'll have a great turnout of members for these events.

As always, please feel 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

Patrick M. Hughes is engaged in consulting in the focus areas of intelligence, national security, and international relations, as well as the functional areas of leadership, business management and organizational effectiveness. He is also engaged as an author and futurist.

Lieutenant General Hughes was employed from 1 April 2005 until retiring on 30 June 2011 as the L-3 Communications Corporation Corporate Vice President for Intelligence and Counterterrorism. He also functioned as the corporate point of contact for Homeland Security / Homeland Defense and Cyber Operations.

Prior to arriving at L-3 he served in the government as Assistant Secretary for Information Analysis (Intelligence), at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from 17 November 2003 until 15 March 2005. During this period he began initial operations of the DHS intelligence support system and assisted in the stand-up of the department. From 1 October 1999 until 16 November 2003 he was the President of PMH Enterprises LLC, a private consulting firm. His primary clients were U.S. Government Agencies.

He retired from the United States Army on 1 October 1999 after more than 35 years of military service, beginning as an enlisted soldier and combat medic on 2 January 1962. His last active duty assignment was Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), a position he held for 3½ years. Other positions of responsibility included Director of Intelligence (J-2), the Joint Staff; Director of Intelligence (J-2), U.S. Central Command; Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Agency; Commander, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade with service in the Republic of Korea; Commander, 109th Military Intelligence Battalion, 9th Infantry Division (High Technology Test Bed), and G-2, 9th Infantry Division. He is a two-tour veteran of the Vietnam War and other conflicts. He has visited 127 countries. He was trained in the Vietnamese and Korean languages.

He has been awarded the Silver Star, 3 Bronze Stars for valor, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and 2 awards of the National Intelligence Medal. He graduated from Montana State University (BA) and Central Michigan University (MA), and has been twice awarded honorary Doctorates. He has been married for nearly 52 years to Karlene Kay (Nuber) Hughes. Pat and Karlene are natives of the Gallatin Valley in Montana. They have two grown children.



APRIL EVENTS



US COAST GUARD EASTER EGG HUNT & BBQ

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale

10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 AM followed by picnic
*coloring contest, bounce house,
clown, hula hoops*

\$15.00 per civilian adult
Civilian kids under 10 Free

Coast Guard Personnel and families - FREE

Make Checks out to: Broward County Navy League

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If unable to attend, donations appreciated

THE SOUTH FLORIDA
COAST GUARD
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



The South Florida Coast Guard Officers Association will host the annual Coast Guard Gala on April 5 at the Miami Marriot Biscayne Bay, 1633 N Bayshore Dr, Miami, FL 33132. This year's gala promises to be one of the best and will feature great guest speakers, an excellent meal, DJ entertainment, and a silent raffle! Tickets are on sale now on their website (www.sfcgoa.org); cost for civilians is \$100 per person.

The Council's 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. Additional information will be sent out via email and will appear in the April edition of The Helmsman as well as on the Council website.

The Boca Delray Council of the Navy League and the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society are hosting a dinner dance at the Deer Creek Country Club on Sunday, April 13th. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:30 PM. Michael Masci will be playing for your dancing pleasure and there will be magnificent orchid displays and raffles. Cost is \$50 per person. Dinner choices are chicken piccata, salmon or black forest pork. Dessert choices are sugar free or chef's choice. If you are interested in attending, please send your check (payable to Boca Delray Council) along with your dinner and dessert choices no later than March 30 to Loretta Baldwin, 23165 Via Stel, Boca Raton FL 33433.

The Deer Creek Country Club is located at 2801 Deer Creek Country Club Blvd, Deerfield Beach. From I-95, take exit 42B (Hillsboro Blvd west) and proceed west 1.2 miles to Deer Creek Blvd. Turn right and proceed to stop sign. Turn left onto Country Club Blvd. The clubhouse is located 1/8 mile on the right and is a long white building with a blue roof.



Fleet Week will be held from April 28 – May 5. Our Council will be hosting the Junior Officer Party on Tuesday, April 29th at Briny's Irish Pub. The Fleet Week Golf Classic will also be held on Tuesday, April 29th at Fort Lauderdale Country Club. 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. Additional information regarding Fleet Week events, including ship tours, will be sent out via email and will appear in the April edition of The Helmsman. It will also be posted on the Council's website.

FEBRUARY EVENT

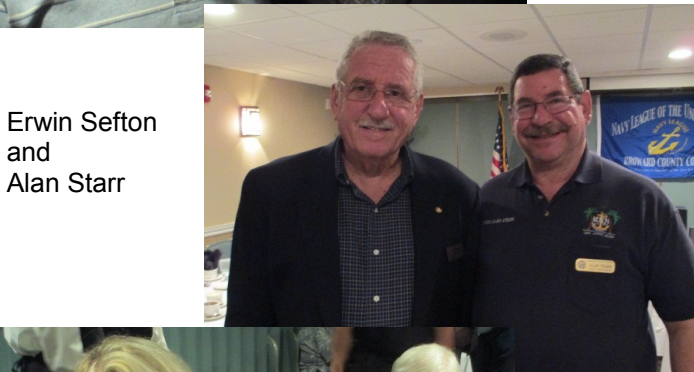
Below are some of those in attendance at Tropical Acres for our February dinner social. Below are Leslie & Greg Warrick.



Sandra Jones & Joan Sefton



Tom Stenger and James Sloan (Cooper City JROTC)



Erwin Sefton and Alan Starr



Nancy Lindberg and Bunny Watroba

BOARD MEMBERS HONORED



Board member LCDR Alan Starr USNSCC was selected as the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps National Regional Director of the Year. He was selected unanimously out of a field of 69 Re-

gional Directors nationwide. Fort Lauderdale Council President Lynn Drucker and LCDR Jeff Leibowitz USNSCC made a presentation of a beautiful nautical clock and the Distinguished Service Ribbon to LCDR Starr at the Fort Lauderdale Council's Seven Seas Gala held on January 25th.



The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation recently held their 2013 annual meeting at Nova Southeastern University where an overview of 2013 was presented. During the evening, they recognized their many sponsors, in-kind donors and volunteers of the year. Shelley Beck has been a Miami Dolphins Special Teams volunteer for the past 4 years and

has volunteered over the years at many of the CFF events. Shelley, our recent past President, was awarded the Heart and Soul Volunteer of the Year from their Miami-Dade office. Shelley volunteers every weekend for different non-profit organizations and has a special place in her heart for CFF and gives back as often as she can to their organization.

Congratulations to Alan and Shelley!

HMS GLADAN

The HMS Gladan is a Swedish Navy training ship built in 1946 and powered exclusively by sail (besides diesel generators for electricity).. The ship began their US tour in Key West and recently visited Port Everglades. On board were 18 high school cadets who will be trained on teamwork and seamanship. The training consists of practical and theoretical lessons that can be both physically and mentally demanding, especially when they occur at sea in various weather conditions. The experience is generally brand new for the cadets and it helps them to develop as individuals and as team members. Council member Erwin Sefton greeted the ship during its visit.



HMS RICHMOND

HMS Richmond is a Type 23 frigate of the Royal Navy. The HMS Richmond recently visited Port Everglades before returning to Portsmouth England on February 27. The warship had been on patrol of the Atlantic Ocean - spending 2,881 hours at sea and covering 33,316 nautical miles while working on security operations and strengthening ties with foreign forces. The Type 23 frigate visited seven countries and toured five British Territories. For all their work, the HMS Richmond crew received a Personal Commendation for Distinguished Service from the Commander British Forces South Atlantic Islands, Air Commodore Russell La Forte. Council members had an opportunity to visit the ship while she was in Port Everglades.



CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

A while ago a neighbor of Shelly and Alan Stein heard about the Council care package project which results in personal hygiene and snacks being mailed to Marines and sailors deployed overseas. She questioned the feasibility of a presentation being made at Devine Academy where her daughter was a student. The Steins and the class teacher Phyllis O'Connor agreed upon a date and during a classroom session the project was explained to the students and items were displayed to show what is normally mailed. The students embraced the idea and in a matter of a few weeks collected enough items to fill four packages which were mailed to 1stSgt Chad Miller (USMC) based in Afghanistan and to LT Teresa Perez (USN) based in Djibouti, Somalia. Shown in the photo are students of the Devine Academy.



Following is an email received from a Dave Frank, a Marine who had received care packages from the Council. Our military are all over the globe!

Alan,

Glad to hear you are still supporting the guys and gals in harms way! You are a true American Patriot in every sense and we appreciate it!

Things are good with me. I am actually deployed as well. I currently reside in one of the most inhospitable and austere places they send Marines to these days.....I am in a town called Ras al Khaimah (RAK for short) in the United Arab Emirates. My description of the place is of course sarcastic. RAK is about 45 minutes north of Dubai. I am here as a military advisor to their Presidential Guard. It is one of the best kept secrets deployment wise in the USMC. We are here conducting some basic infantry and mechanized operations training and advising. I live in a great place (), got a car and can travel anywhere I want in the country. Only downside is it is for a year but I was able to go home in January and I my wife and kids are hopefully going to come out in March to visit for a couple weeks. When I am done here in July I will head back to Camp Lejeune and hopefully pick up command of a company for a bit.

USS COLE

At the end of January, the USS Cole paid a visit to Key West. The Miami Heat were gracious enough to host the crew to a game. Some of you may remember the Cole's commanding officer, CDR Dennis Farrell, who was a guest speaker at our February 2013 dinner social.



MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO
OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Claudia Perry

Ben Sorenson

SEA SERVICE NEWS



On February 8, more than 4,000 Sailors and Marines from the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (BATARG) and 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) departed from Naval Station Norfolk for

an eight-month deployment. While deployed, the BATARG/22MEU will serve in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR). The deployment is part of a regular rotation of forces to support maritime security operations, provide crisis response capability, and increase theater security cooperation and forward naval presence in the U.S. Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet AOR. BATARG is commanded by Capt. Neil A. Karnes, commodore, Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 6, and is comprised of multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), amphibious transport dock ship USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19), and amphibious dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) homeported at Naval Station Norfolk. The 22nd MEU is commanded by Col. William R. Dunn and comprises a ground combat element, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment; aviation combat element, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263 (Reinforced); logistics combat element, Combat Logistics Battalion 22; and its command element. The BATARG/22 MEU team will provide combatant commanders a versatile sea-based, expeditionary force that can be tailored to a variety of missions, including quick reaction crisis response options in maritime, littoral and inland environments in support of the nation's maritime strategy.



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett held a town hall meeting for Marines and sailors aboard Camp Leatherneck,

Helmand province, Afghanistan, on February 18. During the town hall, Gen. Amos and Sgt. Maj. Barrett awarded Seaman Jacob Schlauder, a corpsman from 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat distinguishing device. Gen. Amos and Sgt. Maj. Barrett spoke with the Marines and sailors about the "reawakening" officers and future of the Marine Corps and addressed questions from the service members.



Navy divers traded white snow for white sands, clear water, and diving and are now one step closer for deploying having completed their unit level training in Key West. Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 2's MDS Co. 2-3 and MDS Co. 2-4 both left snow ridden Virginia Beach, Va. In early February and were able

to reach deeper and more advanced dives in Key West as the local conditions typically provide a safe visibility range of 50 feet between trainee and facilitators. This unit-level training is important for the MDS Companies as they advance towards certification through MDSU2 and become ready to deploy. During their time in Key West, divers trained with a variety of dive rigs to demonstrate proficiency on equipment they may use while operating in a deployed environment. Navy divers trained aboard rescue and salvage ship USNS Grapple (T-ARS 53). Grapple, one of four Navy rescue and salvage ships owned by Military Sealift Command, is operated by 26 civil service mariners and four military personnel. Having completed their unit-level training milestone, MDS Co. 2-3 and MDS Co. 2-4 will now prepare for their final evaluation problem scheduled for later this spring. MDSU 2 is an expeditionary mobile unit homeported at Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek-Ft. Story in Virginia Beach, Va. They previously conducted successful salvage operations supporting TWA Flight 800, Swiss Air Flight 111, the space shuttles Challenger and Columbia, the I-35W Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minnesota, the Civil War ironclads USS Monitor, CSS Georgia, and recovery of downed F-16Cs off the coast of Italy and Virginia.



SN Miguel Colchado (left) scans the horizon in the "big eyes" on the port bridge wing while BM2(SW) Michael Cleary (below) prepares for flight quarters on the flight

deck of USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) before a strait transit exercise on February 25 while underway for an independent deployer certification exercise (IDCERTEX). (Photos are from the Leyte Gulf's Ombudsman's Facebook page.)



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FEBRUARY DINNER SOCIAL



Council President Glenn Wiltshire presented a Council coin and certificate of appreciation to guest speaker Captain Mark Patterson of the Port Everglades Pilots Association.

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