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## SEPTEMBER EVENT

Broward County and Fort Lauderdale Councils  
Invite you to join us at

**SEA CADET NIGHT**  
Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
2800 Yacht Club Blvd  
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6:00–7:00 PM Cash Bar  
7:00 PM–Dinner and Meeting

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## JUNE EVENT



Members of the Broward County, Everglades, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach Councils were extremely fortunate to have attended the June 12th event at The Star Center in Dania Beach. Our host for the evening was Broward County Council member Graeme Holman who is Head, Operations at The Star Center and is shown

in this photo.

The evening began with a delicious and plentiful buffet dinner of honey garlic chicken, shredded pork in lime sauce, black beans & rice, corn, tropical salad, rolls & butter and cake slices. Graeme then used a slide presentation to educate us on The Star Center, including the courses it teaches, the students it serves and the various bridge and engine room simulators they utilize. We then began quite an interesting evening. The 360 degree bridge simulator took us through a variety of scenarios from high seas to fog, daytime to nighttime, and more. The engine room simulator was a little less exciting but just as interesting. At the end of the evening, all of those in attendance agreed that it was probably the most interesting Navy League event they had attended in recent years. Thanks again to Graeme and his wife Adele for making us feel so welcome.



## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Welcome back after a busy summer. I hope everyone took the opportunity to relax. I know many traveled outside of the area for cruises and other vacations. Before we went our many different ways for the summer, we held a joint dinner meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council at the STAR Center in Dania Beach on Thursday, June 12th. Council member Graeme Holman spoke about the numerous maritime training programs at the STAR Center and demonstrated the ship simulators. While the simulator doesn't move, the full motion video makes you feel like it is, and some of us felt a little queasy. Afterwards we enjoyed a nice catered dinner arranged by Graeme. Our thanks to Graeme for arranging the great tour; we will likely schedule another visit early next year when more members will be available to attend.

Summer was also a busy time for our local Coast Guard units as they went through changes in leadership. LT Paul Stepler was relieved by LT Earl Potter at a ceremony in Miami for our adopted unit USCGC ROBERT YERED, and CAPT Joe Kimball was relieved by CAPT Todd Lutes at USCG Air Station Miami; new Air Station Command Master Chief Ken Morris also reported aboard. CDR Mike Frede also assumed command at the USCG TACLET South in Opa Locka. The Council was represented at each event, and I was able to present certificates of appreciation and coins to each departing CO! Sector Miami Deputy Commander CAPT Jim Pruett also departed to assume command of Coast Guard Sector Guam, and CAPT Mike Long reported in to take his place. Thanks as well to the Council members that worked with Operation Homefront and local Dollar Tree Stores to deliver school supplies to the local Coast Guard units, NOSC Miami, and NRD Miami; the local Kiwanis Club helped us out as well. The unit personnel really appreciated the hundreds of items provided. While no one from the Council was able to attend the Navy League Convention in San Diego, our Council was one of only a few in the entire US that was recognized with an Outstanding Council award. Congratulations to all of our members whose efforts led to that recognition, which reflected Shelley Beck's leadership in 2013 and Marianne Giambrone's continuing efforts to keep track of all of our council activities and submit the documentation used by National to evaluate Councils for recognition.

Our next dinner meeting will be a joint meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council on Wednesday, September 17th at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. I hope you can join us as some of Alan Starr's Naval Sea Cadets will be reporting on their summer training program experiences; 90 cadets were able to receive training this summer. It is always enjoyable to hear about the great opportunities the cadets are given. Looking ahead, we will also be getting together with the Fort Lauderdale Council for the annual Oktoberfest. This year, we will be going to the Lauderdale Yacht Club on Thursday, October 16th. Details will be sent out as the date gets closer.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 718-619-7402 or at [wiltbrit@aol.com](mailto: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



## ***NAVY LEAGUE NEWS***

As mentioned in the June edition of The Helmsman, Broward County Council was selected as an Outstanding Council by National for our 2013 activities. A presentation was made at the National Convention in San Diego in June. Several other Florida Councils were recognized for their Outstanding ratings; they were Key West, Mayport, St Augustine and Tampa. The Tampa Council also was awarded the Donald M. Mackie Award for their newsletter. Boca Delray Division of the Naval Sea Cadets were awarded the John J. Bergen Trophy as the most outstanding Sea Cadet unit in the nation. LCDR Jerome McColgan of the Boca Delray Council is their commanding officer. In addition to these awards, congratulations also go out to Fort Lauderdale Council President Lynn Drucker who was named the Council President of the Year at the April Florida Region Conference held in Tampa. Key West was named the Council of the Year at that same meeting.

Bravo Zulu to all! Keep up the great work on behalf of our Sea Services.

# ***JUNE EVENT AT THE STAR CENTER***

The 360 degree bridge simulator at The Star Center was the highlight of our evening. We "sailed" through rough seas and arrived in Ketchikan Alaska; there were even a simulated Coast Guard helicopter and cutter!!



Top Row: (Left) Group enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and (Right) Shelley Beck, Ken Lee and Diana Paxton (both from Palm Beach Council) listened to the presentation

Middle Row: photos taken from inside the 360 degree bridge simulator

Bottom Row: Graeme explains the engine room simulator

# COAST GUARD CHANGE OF COMMANDS



During a change of command ceremony on June 6, 2014 at Coast Guard Air Station Miami, a change of command ceremony was held at which time Cmdr. Michael S. Freddie assumed the responsibilities for Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET) South from Cmdr. Robert J. Landolfi.

Cmdr Freddie arrived from Personnel Service Center, based in Arlington, Virginia where he served as the Career Management Branch Chief. TACLETs and their Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDET)s are an armed Deployable Specialized Force under U.S. Coast Guard's Atlantic and Pacific Area commands. They were created to support drug interdiction operations aboard U.S. Navy and allied warships and are capable of supporting the Department of Defense national defense operations. .



During a change of command ceremony on July 2, 2014, Captain Joseph B. Kimball (on left in photo) relinquished command of Coast Guard Air Station Miami to Captain Todd W. Lutes. Captain Kimball was

the 33rd commanding officer of Air Station Miami. Captain Lutes' previous position was the Coast Guard 7th District incident management branch chief. He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Government and received a master's degree in public administration from the George Washington University's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. He also completed a Master's of Strategic Studies at the Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama. Captain Kimball will continue his service at Coast Guard headquarters as the chief of the office of requirements and analysis.



During a change of command ceremony on June 19, 2014 at Coast Guard Base Miami Beach, Lieutenant Paul W. Stepler relinquished command of the Council's adopted ship USCGC Robert Yerred to Lieutenant Earl H. Potter. LT Potter received his Commission from Officer Candidate School in New

London Connecticut in 2007. Following OCS he reported aboard the CGC ACTIVE in Port Angeles WA, where he served as a Deck Watch Officer and the First Lieutenant. LT Potter was next assigned to the CGC KODIAK ISLAND in Key West Florida, as the Executive Officer. LT Potter has had one staff tour, where he served as the Aide to the Pacific Area Commander in Alameda California. Most recently Lieutenant Earl Potter served overseas as Command Officer of USCGC MAUI, home ported in the Kingdom of Bahrain. CGC MAUI is one of six ships assigned to Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, the Coast Guard's longest continuously serving expeditionary unit. Within the Arabian Gulf and straits of Hormuz CGC MAUI conducts operations as part of the US Navy Fifth Fleet's Combined Task Force 55. LT Potter is a 1999 Graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School and Graduated from Southern Oregon University with a Bachelor in Political Science in 2005. He and his wife Lily have a 5 year old son Grayer.

Coast Guard Air Station Miami recently welcomed Command Master Chief Ken Morris. CMC Morris replaced MCPO Jeffrey S Pomeroy, who retired on April 25.

CAPT Melissa Bert has taken over as Seventh District Chief of Staff for retired CAPT Rick Kenin who retired on May 23.

RADM Karl Schultz and his family have returned to South Florida; he is currently assigned as J-3 at SOUTHCOM. Council members may remember RADM Schultz when he served at Sector Miami.

# COAST GUARD CHANGE OF COMMAND



Captain James Pruett, Sector Miami Deputy Commander, assumed command at Coast Guard Sector Guam in early July. He and his wife Trish expressed their appreciation for the support our Council provides to Coast Guard units.

His replacement is Captain Mike Long,

(shown in photo) who recently arrived at Sector Miami as the Deputy Sector Commander. Prior to this assignment, he was the Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché in charge of the Military Liaison Office at the U.S. Embassy to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. His operational field assignments include Response Department Head and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator at Sector Puget Sound, Marine Environmental Protection Chief, Compliance Branch Chief and Marine Casualty Investigator at Marine Safety Office New Orleans, and Chemical Response Officer and Assistant Operations Officer at the Gulf Strike Team. Captain Long's staff tours include serving as Executive Assistant to the Coast Guard's Director of Port Security, Assistant Director of the Coast Guard's International Port Security Program, and Duty Officer at the National Response Center. Captain Long is a 1992 graduate of Coast Guard Officer Candidate School. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Resource Management and Planning from the University of West Florida and earned a Master in Public Administration from Florida State University. He and his wife Amy Alexandra have two children - son Ethan Alexander and daughter Luisa Bella.

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Once again this year, Council members volunteered for Operation Homefront's Back to School Brigade. For the eighth year, Operation Homefront partnered with Dollar Tree Stores across the country to collect school supplies which Navy League volunteers then picked up and delivered to local military units. Nationwide there are approximately 1.2 million children of active duty service members. Last year, \$4.78 million of school supplies were donated by Dollar Tree patrons. Council volunteers delivered school supplies to Navy Recruiting District Miami, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale and Coast Guard Station Miami. In addition to Navy League volunteers, the Kiwanis Club of Miramar/Pembroke Pines and the Kiwanis Club of Hialeah also collected school supplies. A big thanks to Angie Font who coordinated those efforts and ensured supplies were delivered to the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) and Coast Guard Air Station Miami.

In addition, Office Depot Foundation provided 6,000 military children with sack packs full of school supplies. Council member Joe Giambrone, who also serves on the board of Operation Homefront, accepted the sack packs at a ceremony held at the Office Depot in Fort Lauderdale. The sack packs were distributed locally to installations in Miami and Key West.



Public Affairs Officer Jim Williams of Navy Recruiting District Miami accepted the boxes of school supplies

Joe Giambrone (below on right) shown with staff from Office Depot and Office Depot Foundation



# SHIP VISITS

The Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, America's Tall Ship, arrived in Miami on June 14, 2014 as part of the crew's 2014 cadet summer training deployment. The nation's only active duty square-rigger was open for public tours. With more than 23,500 square feet of sail and six miles of rigging, the Eagle has served as a classroom at sea to future Coast Guard officers since 1946, offering an at-sea leadership and professional development experience. While in Miami, a cadet phase change took place and a new group of 150 cadets from the Coast Guard Academy arrived on June 15. The summer deployment for the Eagle spans 13 weeks, stopping at nine port calls in four countries with four different groups of cadets training aboard. A permanent crew of 8 officers and 50 enlisted personnel maintain the ship and guide the cadets through an underway and in-port training schedule, dedicated to learning the skills of navigation, damage control, watchstanding, engineering and deck seamanship. They provide a strong base of knowledge and seamanship for the training of up to 150 cadets or officer candidates at a time. These two photos were taken by Council President Glenn Wiltshire. The first shows the cadets steering the cutter in as it entered the Miami Entrance Channel, and the second shows Glenn with Cadet Third Class Gorjolandze, an international student attending the Coast Guard Academy from the Republic of Georgia who later provided Glenn with a tour of the EAGLE.

On June 29, Council members Joan and Erwin Sefton visited the USNS Spearhead (JHSV-1) at Port Everglades. The ship was in port to unload some equipment and make some repairs. Joan and Erwin were able to meet with the Captain and the Third Mate who gave them a short tour of the ship. The Spearhead left Port Everglades on July 2, 2014. The Spearhead is the Military Sealift Command's (MSC) first joint high-speed vessel. It is designed for rapid, intra-theater transport of troops and military equipment. The ship is a 338-foot-long aluminum catamaran designed for speed, flexibility and maneuverability. The reconfigurable 20,000-square-foot mission bay area can be quickly adapted to support a number of different missions - anything from carrying containerized portable hospitals to support disaster relief to transporting tanks and troops. Spearhead's crew of 22 civil service mariners works for MSC, which operates, navigates and maintains the ship.



## BRITISH SHIP VISIT



On August 22, board members Erwin Sefton and Bob Marks greeted the 436 foot British frigate HMS Argyll. They met with LT Commander Timothy Grimley, Logistics Officer, who stated that the ship was in port for shore leave and mechanical repairs.

Argyll recently seized approximately 1,300 pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$35 million after a 12-hour chase across the Caribbean. The work is part of Operation Martillo, a collaborative effort involving 15 nations, which is aimed at stopping criminal organizations accessing Central America via the air and sea and stopping the illegal movement of drugs from South America to the western world. The Argyll intercepted a suspicious-looking boat after it was spotted by a Maritime Patrol Aircraft. The Type 23 frigate's onboard Lynx helicopter confirmed the small power boat, known as a "go-fast", was acting in a way typical of drug smugglers, before its sea boats were sent to intercept the boat. Once on board, the US Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) and Royal Navy sailors, who work together on the counter-narcotic operations, discovered bales of cocaine wrapped in bin bags. Five people on board were detained on HMS Argyll and handed over to US authorities.



## CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

As mentioned in previous editions of The Helmsman, the Council's Care Package Program continues to provide much appreciated packages to our deployed military. Since June, 44 personal care packages have been sent to deployed personnel. The following are just a few of the recent thank you emails we received.

The following is from Chris Oetting whose grandfather Rudy Oetting is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Council. Rudy is also a strong financial supporter of the Care Package Program.

*Thank you so much for the care packages I really do appreciate them. I just got it today cause it was waiting for me here at Kandahar and I was working at another small base. I will email you as soon as I get the chance when I receive the other packages. Thank you.*

The following is from LCDR Dave Benham, Chief Public Affairs Officer, NATO Allied Maritime Command, Northwood UK

*Thanks so much for the generous gift package. With all those sweets, my 4 and 2 year olds will be singing the Navy League's praises! Appreciate the continued support of the Navy League as a major partner in our outreach to the retired military and civilian communities, and political support through Congressional advocacy. I've worked with several councils in conjunction with my duties as a PAO, and we really appreciate all that you do for us. Please let us know if you are coming through London.*

The following is from CDR Heidi Haskins, Executive Officer of our adopted ship, USS Leyte Gulf

*Thank you so much for your thoughtful and generous care package! The treats were well received and greatly appreciated. And the shampoo was just right; ship water is very rough on hair! Thank you again for your generous care package that brightened the day.*

Donations of personal care items or cash are always appreciated and can be brought to any Council event and given to Council President Glenn Wiltshire or any board member. Our military personnel will appreciate your support!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The South Florida Coast Guard Officers Association will host an evening of exploration into Miami's tumultuous past. Billy Corben, director of the documentary films Square Grouper and Cocaine Cowboys, will discuss Miami's infamous drug history, share clips from his films, and lead a question and answer session. The event is free to SFCGOA members. A suggested donation of \$10 from non members will include a 1 year membership. RSVP's to [admin@sfcgoa.org](mailto:admin@sfcgoa.org) are highly encouraged! The event will take place on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7PM at the Paragon Grove 13 Theater, 3015 Grand Ave #322, Coconut Grove.

The Broward Veterans Coalition will be holding a general membership meeting for fellowship, networking, advocacy and information purposes on Monday, September 15. The meeting will take place at 7 PM at the Tamarac Community Center, 8601 W Commercial Blvd, Tamarac. All veterans are invited to attend.

The 3rd Annual Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5 K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 AM. This event supports the Wounded Warrior Project and the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Spruance Division. There will be a sunrise run on beautiful Hollywood Beach; a Kids Fun Run, an awards ceremony and post-race breakfast. Go to [active.com](http://active.com) and search for Pursuit of Honor, Courage and Commitment 5K run walk 2014 to register. Contact Lynn Drucker of the Fort Lauderdale Council if you have any questions or need help registering. [lynn@druckermail.com](mailto:lynn@druckermail.com)

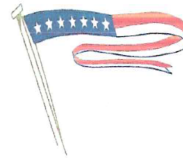
Broward Council will celebrate Oktoberfest with Fort Lauderdale Council on Thursday, October 16. The event will take place from 6:00 - 9:30 PM at Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 SE 12 Street, Fort Lauderdale. There will be German food and beer along with live music. Additional information will be provided in next month's edition of The Helmsman, will be on the Council's website and will also be sent out via email.

On Saturday, November 22, US Marine Corps Forces-South will celebrate the 239<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps at the Westin Resort & Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. Check their website for information on tickets. [www.marforsouth.marines.mil](http://www.marforsouth.marines.mil)

The Tampa Navy League will be the hosts for the Navy League National Convention in 2105. The event will be held at the Grand Hyatt from June 14 - 21, 2015.

## RECOGNITION

The story of James Lee has been told in previous editions of The Helmsman. James is an outstanding student who decided to honor his grandfather by sending care packages to the crew of the USS Leyte Gulf as well as to other deployed military. In June, the Council recognized James' efforts as he graduated high school and got ready to begin his life as a college student. James was kind enough to share the following thank you note he received.



COMMANDING OFFICER  
USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55)

10 JUNE 2014

JAMES,

I RECEIVED WORD OF YOUR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE PHENOMENAL OPPORTUNITIES YOU WERE PRESENTED FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. CONGRATULATIONS - VERY WELL DONE !! I ALSO WANTED TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SILVER KNIGHT PROJECT AND THE VIDEOS YOU FORWARDED TO THE SHIP. YOUR EFFORTS MADE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR THE CREW OF USS LEYTE GULF.

YOUR HARD WORK, PERSEVERANCE AND PERSONAL DRIVE ARE REFLECTED IN YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. YOUR GRANDFATHER'S SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION, MOST NOTABLY HIS SERVICE DURING THE BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF, COULDED WITH THE STRONG TIES OF THE BROWARD COUNTY NAVY LEAGUE WITH USS LEYTE GULF MAKE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS EVEN MORE MEANINGFUL TO ME AND THE ENTIRE CREW.

AGAIN, VERY WELL DONE. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND KNOW THAT WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU ALSO. ENJOY YOUR TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST.

SINCERELY

DEAN RAWLS, CAPT/USN



# SEA SERVICE NEWS



The United States Navy promoted Michelle Janine Howard to the rank of four-star admiral on July 1 during a ceremony at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. Secretary

of the Navy Ray Mabus presided over the ceremony and administered the oath of office. Adm. Howard is the first female four-star in the 238 year history of the United States Navy. "Michelle Howard's promotion to the rank of admiral is the result of a brilliant naval career, one I fully expect to continue when she assumes her new role as vice chief of naval operations, but also it is a historic first, an event to be celebrated as she becomes the first female to achieve this position," said Mabus.



Marines aboard Landing Craft Utility 1655 approach the well deck of amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5). Bataan is the flagship for the Bataan Amphibi-

ous 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 crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Paul Clark offloaded approximately 900 pounds of marijuana worth an estimated wholesale value of nearly \$800,000 at Coast Guard

Base Miami Beach on August 15, 2014. The crew of a Customs and Border Protection Air Marine aircraft spotted a go-fast vessel off the coast of Cap Du Mole, Haiti. The crew of the Paul Clark located the go-fast vessel and launched their small boat crew to investigate. The Paul Clark small boat crew was unable to apprehend the suspect vessel but were able to recover the jettisoned cargo from the water.



The guided-missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67) departed Naval Station Norfolk on August 22 on a deployment to the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility. After transiting the Atlantic Ocean, Cole will enter the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding waters to conduct maritime operations and strengthen partner nations' maritime

capabilities, promoting a secure maritime environment. Cole returned from her last deployment in January 2013. The ship was commissioned in Port Everglades on June 8, 1996, and is named after U.S. Marine Sgt. Darrell Samuel Cole, who received the Medal of Honor for his "conspicuous gallantry" at the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II.



LT Lindsey Smith and LTJG Kiley Provenzano are assigned to the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64), and are roommates on the ship. In late

June, both were recognized with prestigious Navy awards. Smith (on right in photo), who serves as Gettysburg's Training Officer, was recognized by the Navy League of the United States with the 2014 Admiral Winifred Q. Collins Award for Inspirational leadership. The award is given to just one female officer in the entire Navy for demonstrated leadership excellence. Smith received the award at the annual Navy League convention in San Diego. Provenzano, who serves as Gettysburg's Information Warfare Officer (IWO), was recognized with the 2013 Copernicus Award for Information Warfare Excellence. Only one Sailor serving on a ship at sea in the entire Navy was recognized with a Copernicus Award. She was recognized with the award at a ceremony in Baltimore, during the 2014 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Cyber Symposium.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Resolve Maritime Academy, a subsidiary of our community affiliate Resolve Marine Group, offers the maritime industry's most realistic training in safety, simulation, and emergency response. They recently announced plans for the construction of a new, two-story wet trainer, larger and more expansive than its original, the L/V Gray Manatee. "We are incredibly proud to offer a course that combines stability and damage control using our new two-story wet trainer," said Denise Johnston, Resolve Maritime Academy Director. Utilizing props meant to simulate flooding from breaches, broken pipes, and hatches, the new wet trainer is designed to give the first responders of a vessel the knowledge and understanding necessary to deal with survivable hull breaches. The Academy's new wet trainer is one of the largest in the industry—40' long x 8' wide, two-stories high and spans 640 square feet. Featuring a wet room for practicing different types of damage control techniques and a flooding room to run scenarios ranging from command tactics to damage assessment, as well as 2nd flood access, it gives students the ability to enter the flooded compartment from above thus incorporating modern SOPs into their training.

Shown in photo (left to right) David Boldt, Simulator Group Manager; Denise Johnston, Resolve Maritime Academy Director; Clifford Charlock, Fire School Manager. Above article and photo are from Resolve Maritime Academy's website.



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# COUNCIL EVENTS



Council President Glenn Wiltshire presented a certificate of appreciation to Graeme Holman for hosting the Council's June event at The Star Center.

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