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## FEBRUARY EVENT



**Dinner Meeting  
Thursday  
February 12, 2015**

**Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm**

**Tropical Acres Restaurant  
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale**

### Guest Speaker

**Dr. Craig Mallak (Captain USN Retired)  
Chief Medical Examiner, Broward County**

**Presentation: "Honor the Fallen,  
Protect the Living,  
The Armed Forces Medical System"**

### Dinner Selections

**Prime Rib  
Norwegian Salmon Filet**

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

**Please RSVP your dinner choice  
on or before February 6 by e-mailing  
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## INSTALLATION

The installation of Officers aboard the Regal Princess cruise ship was held on Sunday, January 11, 2015. Guests began the day in the Wheelhouse Bar & Crown Grill where they enjoyed drinks and conversation. The Spruance Division Sea Cadets presented the colors followed by an invocation by Father Ron Perkins of Seafarers' House. President Glenn Wiltshire welcomed the group and made a few remarks before introducing our guest speaker RADM Karl Schultz. RADM Schultz spoke about his involvement with the Navy League, both at the local and National level, and after his comments, conducted the swearing in of the 2015 Officers. The group then moved to Sabatini's, one of the specialty dining rooms, where guests enjoyed a 3-course meal, wine and excellent service. Once the event was over, many of those in attendance explored the beautiful and newest ship in the Princess fleet.



**Council President Glenn Wiltshire (left) with Palm Beach Council President Jack Hanscom**

# ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

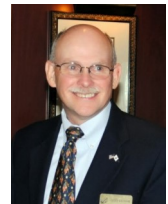
I hope that everyone had a great holiday and is enjoying the New Year, since it's already been a busy month for the Council. On January 9th, Alan Starr represented the Council at Museum Park in Miami at the Navy Recruiting District Miami Change of Command as we bid farewell to CDR Kurt Kyle as he heads off to Newport, RI and CDR Nathan King assumed command. We look forward to working with him and his unit. On Sunday, January 11th, we held our Installation Luncheon attended by 70 people aboard the recently christened cruise ship Regal Princess at Port Everglades. Our guest speaker and presiding official for the installation was RADM Karl Schultz, USCG, the J-3 at SOUTHCOM, and a long-time friend of the Council from his days as Sector Miami Commander from 2006-2008. He did a great job speaking about his Navy League experiences throughout his career. It was also great that representatives from the Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Boca Raton, and Palm Beach Councils were able to join us. My thanks to all of the officers and directors who agreed to stay on for 2015, and to Donna at Princess Cruises who once again arranged for the luncheon to be donated, so all proceeds can go towards supporting our numerous adopted units and youth programs. January 13th also marked the start of formal planning for Fleet Week 2015, with the Initial Planning Meeting held by the Navy and Broward Navy Days. Many of our members are stepping forward once again this year to coordinate some of the events that will run from May 4-10, 2015, and there will be plenty of opportunities for Council members to volunteer to assist with tours, special events, etc. This year we will have four US Navy ships, including the USS COLE, and one or two Coast Guard cutters. We will be setting up our table to sell cold drinks and coins, and will be looking for Council volunteers to staff the table and donate soda and water. More on all of this as the date gets closer.

In February, we will be back at Tropical Acres for our dinner meeting on Thursday, February 12th. Our speaker will be Broward County Medical Examiner Craig Mallak, CAPT USN Retired. CAPT Mallak will be speaking to us about his experiences during his Navy career that culminated with him serving as the Armed Forces Medical Examiner for 10 years, so I hope we have a great turnout.

Looking ahead to March, we will be returning to the STAR Center for dinner and a tour of the outstanding facilities used to train American's merchant mariners led by BCNL member Graeme Holman. Many members don't realize that the Navy League is a strong supporter of the US Merchant Marine, so this is an opportunity to learn more about that part of our mission. We will get a flyer out with information on that as the date gets closer.

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



## ***CORRECTIONS***

Our apologies to Richard J. Burgess, the newest Council member. His name was incorrectly listed in the December edition of The Helmsman.

The January 2015 issue listed the USS Bataan sailors recently recognized by the Council. Unfortunately the name of the Sailor of the Year was not included. We would like to acknowledge the achievements of Sailor of the Year ET2(SW/AW) Robert G. Loveless. At this time, his photo is not available.

## ***GUEST SPEAKER***

Craig Mallak, J.D., M.D. serves as the Broward County Medical Examiner with the responsibility of providing comprehensive death investigation services in accordance with State laws and Administrative codes along with meeting the standards of practice for the medical subspecialty. He is also the Director of Trauma Services for the County.

Dr. Mallak holds degrees in forensic sciences from Michigan State University and both law and medicine from Creighton University. After medical school he accepted his commission as a Naval officer and completed his internship at Naval Hospital Oakland. He was then assigned as a General Medical Officer with the United States Marine 3d Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Japan and at Cubi Point in the Philippines. He returned to Naval Hospital Oakland for two years of his four year residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. Due to BRAC closure of the hospital, he completed his residency at the National Naval Medical Center. He then completed his forensic pathology fellowship at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. He is board certified in all three areas of study. He also holds privileges as a practicing attorney in the State of Nebraska.

Following training, Dr. Mallak was assigned as the Regional Armed Forces Medical Examiner at Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan where he was responsible for death investigations throughout the Pacific area of operations. During this tour he was deployed to Kosovo in 1999 to assist the FBI with war crimes investigations. He also served as the director of ancillary services including radiology, laboratory services, the pharmacy, and optometry throughout this tour. He was then chosen by the Surgeon General to be assigned to Naval Personnel Command where he served as detailer for the non-surgical specialist physicians in the United States Navy and maintained his clinical skills at the Shelby County Medical Examiner Office.

From 2002 thru 2012 he held the appointment as the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, with responsibility for the United States largest medical examiner's office that included forensic pathology, anthropology, toxicology, and DNA identification registry with worldwide jurisdiction. He was responsible for assisting in the investigation of the

loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia, investigating US deaths from Iraq and Afghanistan, and identifying several high profile terrorists such as Saddam Hussein and his sons Uday and Qusay. He deployed on multiple missions to the theaters of combat. The office was also involved in investigation of the deaths of detainees. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Haitian earthquake, and other civilian incidents, the office provided expertise to assist with the identification of the deceased and other forensic services.

During the war, Dr. Mallak required that every military death receive a full forensic investigation. The data gathered, analyzed, and the subsequent work with other Department of Defense units is credited with saving over 2,000 lives. The war in Iraq is also the first time ever the United States fully accounted for all fallen service members during a major conflict.

During the last three years as the Armed Forces Medical Examiner he executed a Base Realignment and Closure Law mandated move of the of Medical Examiner System. With the disestablishment of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in the Washington DC area, he was responsible for building a \$75M facility, and establishing a new Command at Dover Air Force Base in DE.

He retired from the military with the rank of Navy Captain and assumed the position of Broward County Medical Examiner in July 2012.

Dr. Mallak has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Medical Examiners, the College of American Pathologists Forensic Pathology Committee, chaired the Path-Bio section of and is a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. He is married to the former Sue Catherine McDonald who is a teacher at the Sagemont Schools in Weston.

## ***AMAZON SMILE***

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## ***SEAFARERS' HOUSE***

Seafarers' House will be hosting a "Show Your Love" Valentine Luncheon on Saturday, February 14, aboard the Caribbean Princess. Council President Glenn Wiltshire will be honored with the Guiding Light Award which is given to those who have been a continuous beacon of strength, wisdom and inspiration for Seafarers' House. The event will begin with a cocktail reception and guests will enjoy a full course luncheon with wine. Boarding will begin approximately 10:45 with the reception planned for 11:30 and the luncheon at 12:30. All guests wishing to attend must register their security information no later than February 1 - you may do so by going to the link on the Council's website ([bcnavyleague.org](http://bcnavyleague.org)) or going to Seafarers' House website ([seafarershouse.org](http://seafarershouse.org)). Cost is \$50 per person and is payable at time of registration. You may call them with any questions at 954-734-1580.

## ***FLEET WEEK 2015***

The first planning meeting for Fleet Week 2015 was held on January 13 at the Port Everglades Administration Building. Fleet Week will be held from May 4 - May 10, 2015 and it is anticipated that there may be 4 Navy ships and 2 Coast Guard ships participating. As in the past, there will be numerous events that the Navy League members and the general public can attend. The week will kick off with the All Hands on Deck Welcoming Party on May 4. The Council will host the Junior Officers Party on Tuesday, May 5, at Briny's Irish Pub and Restaurant. Specific information about all the events open to the public as well as volunteer opportunities will be made available as soon as it has been finalized.

Registration for ship tours should be available on the Broward Navy Days website in early March. We will let you know via email, the newsletter and the Council website when it is available. You can also register your email address with Broward Navy Days so that you get information directly from them. Their website is [browardnavydaysinc.org](http://browardnavydaysinc.org).

# INSTALLATION OF 2015 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Thanks to all the Council members and guests who attended the installation of officers. The following photos captured some of those in attendance.



Father Ron Perkins gave the invocation



Erwin Sefton, Pat Dumont, Maura Brassil

Right: Guest Speaker RADM Karl Schultz



Janice Chizmar (left) and Fort Lauderdale Council President Lynn Drucker

Below: (l to r) Phyllis Bannister, Joan Sefton, Marianne Giambrone



Below (l to r) Miami Council member Rick Ciravolo, Pamela Ciravolo and Broward Council Past President George Reeves



Virginia Montalvo (left) and Loretta Young



Boca Delray Council members Rita Tierney and Jim Bales

# ***INSTALLATION OF 2015 COUNCIL OFFICERS***



**(l to r) Mary Anne Gray, Broward Navy Days with Fort Lauderdale Council members Jim Black, Joanne Black and Alicia Romano**



**(l to r) Beverly Childs with board member Nancy Lindberg**



**(l to r) Erwin Sefton, RADM Karl Schultz, Garry Murphy**



**Council Treasurer Tom Carney (seated) with his sons and board member Larry Ott**



**Board member LCDR Alan Starr and the Spruance Division Sea Cadets**



**Ralph Utley and Karen Wessling**

## NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT

On January 9, 2015, the Navy Recruiting District Miami held a Change of Command at which time Commander Kurt A. Kyle, USN, was relieved by Commander Nathan J. King, USN. The ceremony was held at Museum Park in Miami. CDR King was previously the Executive Officer at Navy Recruiting District Miami.



Above: CDR King addresses the audience  
Below: Board member LCDR Alan Starr makes presentation to CDR Kyle



## CIVILIAN AIDE



The newest Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) was invested during a ceremony conducted at the Pentagon in

mid-December, 2014. Raul Mas (shown on left in photo) was selected by Secretary of the Army John McHugh to represent Florida (South). Raul was a member of our Council and is a strong supporter of the military. CASAs are a vital part of the Army, promoting good relations between the Army and the public and advising the Secretary about regional issues. Each state, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories have one or more CASAs appointed to provide a vital link between the Army and the communities for which they serve. CASAs are usually business or civic leaders who possess a keen interest in the welfare of the Army and their communities.

Mas earned a bachelor's degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and completed his Master of Business Administration degree at Harvard Business School. He began his career with Chase Manhattan Bank and later joined the investment banking firm of Goldman Sachs. After 30 years in banking, Mas joined United Homecare where he now serves at the senior executive in charge of development. He has made extensive contributions to the South Florida military community, encompassing all branches of the U.S. military, including the National Guard and reserve components.

CASAs serve a two-year term without compensation. Terms may be extended to a total of 10 years of service, followed by possible appointment as a CASA Senior for 10 additional years. The Secretary may recognize a Civilian Aide as a CASA Emeritus after 20 years of service. To date, more than 500 individuals have served the Army and the nation as a CASA.

We wish Raul the best of luck as he begins this new journey.

# SEA SERVICE NEWS



The commanding officer of Marine Corps Cyber Command moved up to lead the Pentagon's foreign espionage arm. Maj. Gen. Vincent Stewart pinned on

a third star and assumed command of the Defense Intelligence Agency on January 23. Stewart is the first African-American and the first Marine to lead the DIA. According to his official military biography, Stewart entered the Marine Corps in 1981. His previous positions include senior intelligence planner for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and director of Intelligence for Marine Corps Headquarters.



The United States Postal Service will issue a "Forever" postage stamp in 2015 honoring the United States Coast Guard for its role in protecting the secu-

rity of the nation and advancing its vital maritime interests. The stamp's design is from an oil painting by renowned aviation artist William S. Phillips and depicts two icons of the Coast Guard: the cutter Eagle, a three-masted sailing ship known as "America's Tall Ship," and an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter, the standard rescue aircraft of the Coast Guard.



An explosive ordnance disposal technician assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 12 was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his actions during Operation Enduring

Freedom in Afghanistan in an award ceremony held on Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story on January 12. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician 1st Class Scott Weaver was cited for heroic achievement in connection with combat operations against the enemy while serving as the

TRIDENT 2211B Explosive Ordnance Disposal team leader, Special Operations Task Force-Southeast in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom on April 9, 2012. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to an individual who, while serving in or with the military of the United States, distinguishes him or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States or while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force.



The amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) will end nearly 35 years of service during a decommissioning ceremony

scheduled for 10 AM at Pier #7 at Naval Base San Diego on March 31. The last general-purpose amphibious assault ship of the Tarawa class, Peleliu's decommissioning marks the end of a career comprising multiple deployments to U.S. 7th and 5th Fleet, humanitarian efforts and peacekeeping missions. Capable of launching a coordinated air and sea attack from one platform, Peleliu has conducted 17 deployments, 178,051 flight operations, served 57,983 personnel and steamed approximately 1,011,946 nautical miles since being commissioned May 3, 1980 in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Significant in its history, Peleliu played a critical part in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom after the events of September 11, 2001. Peleliu was the first ship in the Global War on Terror to deploy Marines to the beach in support of operations in Afghanistan. After the decommissioning process is complete, Peleliu will be towed from San Diego to Pearl Harbor to join the reserve fleet. Named for the Battle of Peleliu in World War II, the ship will be placed in an inactive reserve status and moored alongside the class's namesake USS Tarawa (LHA 1).



## SEA-AIR-SPACE

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 will continue to support the mission of the Navy League and lead the way as "THE" Exposition to attend each year to display the most current information and technology relevant to maritime policy.

The Sea-Air-Space Exposition will be held from April 13-15, 2015 at the Gaylord Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland. There is no charge to attend the exposition for Active Duty and Active Reserve U.S. Military, Retired U.S. Military and Navy League Members.

To register, go to [seairspace.org](http://seairspace.org).

## US NAVY RESERVE

The Navy Reserve Centennial Book Committee presents *Ready Then, Ready Now, Ready Always: More than a Century of Service by Citizen Sailors* by Commander David F. Winkler, US Navy Reserve (Retired). The book coincides with the centennial anniversary of the US Navy Reserve in 2015. The hard-bound book aims to tell the story of civilians' contributions to the nation's defense and security. It provides a broad chronology covering how citizen sailors served as privateers, naval militiamen, National Naval Volunteers, Naval Reservists and finally simply as sailors as part of one Navy concept.

You can order a copy of the book on the Navy League website.



## USCGC ROBERT YERED

On January 8, Council President Glenn Wiltshire visited the Council adopted ship, the US Coast Guard Cutter ROBERT YERED. Glenn recognized the ship's Enlisted Persons of the Quarter. Shown in the photo with Glenn are MK2 Ener Viera-Plaza, SN Ryan Dickinson, and LT Earl Potter (Commanding Officer). Another recipient, FS3 Shannon Riegel, was not available.



## USS BATAAN

Our adopted ship USS Bataan's Supply Department recently received the Logistics Readiness Excellence Award (LREA). This award seeks to recognize the contribution, achievements, readiness, proficiency and outstanding support the Logistics Specialists (LS) deliver to the Fleet. This is a calendar year award with Small, Medium and Large classes.



## COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

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## USS LEYTE GULF

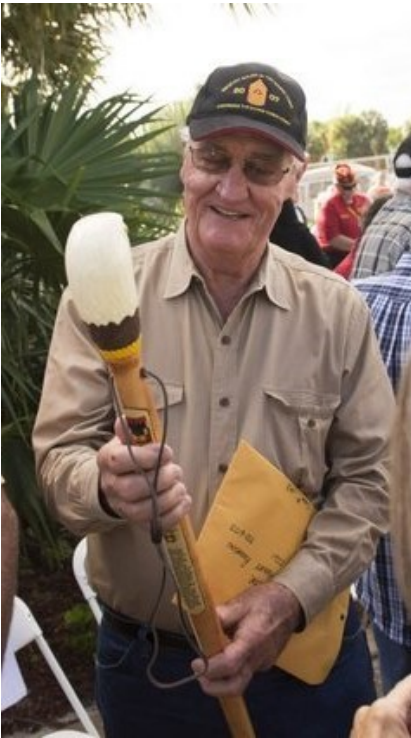


The Council's adopted ship, USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), returned to Naval Station Norfolk on January 7 following a six-month deployment in the U.S. Fleet Forces and 6th Fleet Areas of Operations.

Leyte Gulf deployed June 25, 2014 to the Mediterranean Sea, where the ship assumed duties as Standing NATO Maritime Group (SNMG) 2 flagship on July 8, in Malaga, Spain. Under Rear Adm. Brad Williamson, her crew conducted a variety of operations and exercises alongside multinational allies, sailing extensively with the German frigate FGS Niedersachsen (F 208), Turkish frigate TCG Kemalreis (F 247) and Canadian frigate HMCS Toronto (DDH 337). Sailing 35,000 miles, four times across the Atlantic Ocean and eight times through the Strait of Gibraltar, Leyte Gulf took part in a Canadian Task Group Exercise (TGEX), a U.S. Fleet Exercise (FLEETEX); the Star Spangled Spectacular in Baltimore, MD.; a U.S. Amphibious Ready Group/Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise (ARGMEUEX); a Spanish exercise and a Turkish exercise. Additionally, the ship conducted maritime security operations in support of Operation Active Endeavour in the Mediterranean Sea. Upon completion of their mission, changing requirements afforded Leyte Gulf the opportunity to return to her homeport roughly a month ahead of schedule, after being relieved by USS Vicksburg (CG 69) as SNMG2 flagship.

More than just operational integration with NATO allies, the deployment allowed Sailors to learn much about the world beyond American shores. Visiting 15 ports in six countries, Sailors volunteered more than 1,400 hours in 18 community relations, or COMREL, events for local charities and organizations. At sea, 13 "cross pollination" events sent 70 Sailors to Leyte Gulf's SNMG 2 counterparts, forging friendships with Allied navies and experiencing a slice of life aboard other platforms. Sailors made time for some individual accomplishments as well this deployment, with 34 advancing to the next pay grade and 11 striking into a rating. Leyte Gulf also pinned seven new Surface Warfare Officers (SWO) and 69 new Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists (ESWS).

# NATIONAL NAVY SEAL MUSEUM



Several Council members attended the Indian River Woodcarvers Purple Heart Cane project ceremony awarding 18 hand carved canes to deserving veterans at The National Navy UDT SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce on Saturday, January 17, 2015. The hand carved canes were presented to wounded veterans from conflicts from WWII through Afghanistan. In photo on left, Korean War and Vietnam veteran Andy Anderson, of Fort Pierce is shown with his cane.



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