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## DINNER SOCIAL

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Cocktail hour 6:30pm Dinner 7:15 pm

Guest Speaker  
Lt. Earl H. Potter  
Commanding Officer  
USCGC Robert Yered

Tropical Acres Restaurant  
2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale

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 November 6 by  
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## OKTOBERFEST

Broward County Council joined with Fort Lauderdale Council for a great Oktoberfest celebration at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. There was a variety of delicious German food along with festive German music.



# ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

It's been a fairly busy month for Council members. George Reeves and I represented the Council at a South Florida Area Council Presidents and National Directors meeting held by Area President Lynn Drucker to discuss current issues of concern to Navy League Councils. Florida Region President John Vargo and Region VP of Legislative Affairs Dave Sullivan were there to provide their perspectives as well. The discussions focused on an update on current issues at National, potential changes in the dues structure to simplify the categories and provide for a lower cost e-Membership, member recruitment and retention, potential efforts to "revive" the Miami Council, legislative engagement, and youth programs. We also received the sad news that Jack Hanscom, President of the Palm Beach Council, had passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and to his fellow Council members. A number of Council members also represented us at a simple yet touching memorial service held by the Seafarer's House at Port Everglades on October 15 to remember the crew of the EL FARO that sank in the Bahamas during Hurricane Joaquin. A special thanks to Council Board member Larry Ott who was able to arrange for a wreath donation by his employer, Dignity Memorial.

As noted last month, we are in the process of adopting two additional Coast Guard units: Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, led by LT Mark Ketchum; and Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team South in Opa Locka, led by CDR Michael Freddie. We will be setting up adoption ceremonies for both at their units and will let you know when those are confirmed.

Thanks as well to all who were able to attend the Oktoberfest celebration with the members of the Fort Lauderdale Council. Good times were had by all at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Our next Council dinner meeting on Thursday, November 12th, will be back at Tropical Acres and will feature LT Earl Potter, Commanding Officer of our adopted Fast Response Cutter USCGC ROBERT YERED. Earl will be speaking to us about the cutter's recent deployment to

the Caribbean and their success in interdicting drugs headed towards the United States. He will also be bringing members of his crew, so we're looking forward to a great turnout of Council members and guests. We will also be holding our annual officer elections at this meeting, and my thanks to all of this year's officers who have agreed to stay on one more year!

Preliminary meetings have also begun for Fleet Week 2016, with three US Navy ship and one or two Coast Guard cutters expected to participate. Due to a change of deployment schedules, one of the Navy ships participating will now be our own adopted unit the USS BATAAN, which we haven't seen in Port Everglades in many years. While it's still many months away, our Council members will once again be filling key leadership roles on the Broward Navy Days planning team. More to follow on that.

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

## ***2016 COUNCIL OFFICERS***

The following is the slate of Council Officers for 2016:

President: Glenn Wiltshire  
First Vice President: Erwin Sefton  
Second Vice President: Marianne Giambrone  
Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Robert Marks  
Secretary: Shelley Beck  
Treasurer: Tom Carney  
JAG: No candidate

Elections will be held at the November 12th dinner social. Members must be present to vote.



## IN MEMORIAM

Palm Beach Navy League Council President Jack Hanscom recently passed away. The following obituary appeared in the *Palm Beach Post*.



Jack Hanscom of Lake Worth went into cardiac arrest at JFK Medical Center on October 13, 2015. Commander, (Ret) Hanscom's ship came to rest at the age of 82. Born in Santa Rosa, CA, Jack was the son of John T. Hanscom and Dorothy I. Black of Geyserville, CA. Jack was residing president of The Palm Beach Council of the Navy League of the United States. Jack is survived by his son John M. Hanscom of West Palm Beach and wife Jianying Yang of Lake Worth, brother Loren A. Wilson of Sebastopol, CA, and sister Theodora Wilson Gordon of Orlando, FL. Jack was loved by many and will be missed by all. A Memorial Service is planned in 4-5 weeks with all Navy League and other family friends invited.

Sue Skinner, daughter of Council member Maxine Streiffert notified us of her mother's passing. The following obituary appeared in the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

Maxine Ann Kuhlman Streiffert, 87, of Tallahassee, Florida, died August 10th, 2015, in Tallahassee. She was born January 2, 1928 in Elmore, Ohio to Harold and Esther Kuhlman. She attended Harris-Elmore High School and Bowling Green State University. Maxine moved with her husband and daughters to Ft. Lauderdale in 1957 where she raised her family and lived until February 2015. Maxine loved living in Ft. Lauderdale, where she was a volunteer at the Republican Party of Broward, the Cleveland Clinic, and the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society. She was a member of the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, the Broward Council Navy League, the Elks Club, and Delta Gamma Sorority. Maxine is survived by her daughters Sue Skinner (Pete) of Tallahassee and Mary Lou Hartshorn (Sam) of Richmond, California, her sister Joyce Edenholt of Albany, Georgia, and grandchildren Hannah Hartshorn, Jamie McIntosh and Doug Skinner. She was predeceased by her parents, and her special loved one, Gray Boylston. Maxine had many, many friends whom she loved dearly throughout her life. A private family gathering will be held at a later date to celebrate Maxine's life.

## BROWARD NAVY DAYS

Broward Navy Days recently thanked volunteers who served as Committee Chairpersons during Fleet Week 2015. Council members Bob Marks, Erwin Sefton and Shelley Beck attended an event at Coast Guard Station Miami Beach for the Fleet Week gathering and were able to enjoy a tour of USCGC Margaret Norvelle.





# OKTOBERFEST

Additional photos from the Oktoberfest event held on October 8, 2015.





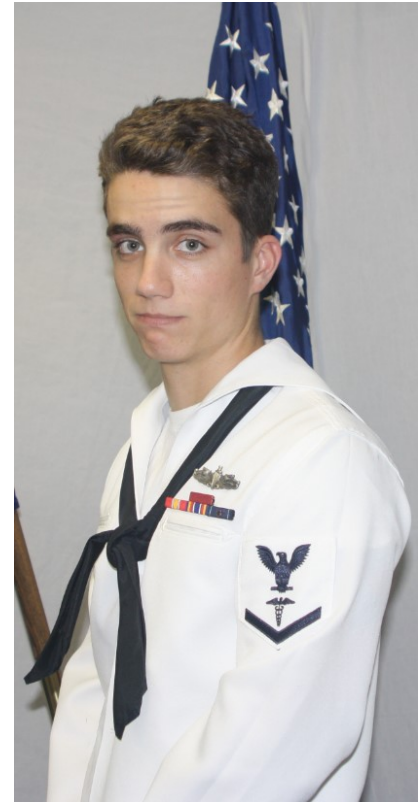
# ***USS LEYTE GULF***

The Council is pleased to recognize the outstanding service of the sailors aboard one of our adopted ships, the USS Leyte Gulf. The following sailors were sent a certificate of achievement and monetary award for their selection as sailors of the 4th quarter 2015. Thanks to MAC Cheri Williams for keeping us up-to-date on these accomplishments.

Senior Sailor of the Quarter LS1(SW) Mateo Canela (left)

Junior Sailor of the Quarter STG2(SW) Nicholas Cederblom (center)

Blue Jacket of the Quarter HM3(SW) David Allen (right)



## ***NEW MEMBER***

Welcome to the Council's new member

Leon Ellman of Fort Lauderdale

## ***COAST GUARD NEWS***

On October 7, Board Member Alan Starr presented the Coast Guard Air Station Miami Enlisted Person of Quarter HS3 Amanda L. Babcock with a certificate of achievement and monetary award. Photo is not available.

On October 23, Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale celebrated their 40th anniversary. Events were held for adults and children.

Coast Guard Air Station Miami will be celebrating its 50th year at the Opa-locka Airport with a Flight Suit Formal on November 10.

# ***EL FARO MEMORIAL SERVICE***

On October 15, Seafarers' House at Port Everglades held a very touching memorial service to remember the crew of the El Faro, which sank in the Bahamas during Hurricane Joaquin. A number of Council members were able to attend the very moving ceremony and Board member Larry Ott arranged for his employer, Dignity Memorial, to donate the wreath which was laid in the waters behind Terminal 26 at Port Everglades. The United States Coast Guard color guard from Station Fort Lauderdale presented the colors. Council President/ Deputy Port Director Glenn Wiltshire made welcoming remarks. Lesley Warrick, Executive Director of Seafarers' House read the names of the crew members and, after each name, the bell was rung in their memory by the Broward Sheriff's Office Honor Guard Bell Ringer.



## ***NAVY LEAGUE NEWS***

The National Navy League Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday, December 4 through Saturday, December 5 at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. Registration is now open for both the meeting and the hotel at [www.navyleague.org/bod](http://www.navyleague.org/bod).

All Navy Leaguers are invited to participate in the second "Anchors Aweigh Fly-In" to meet our members of Congress on Capitol Hill and present the Navy League's legislative priorities. Navy Leaguers will storm the hill Thursday, December 3, the day before the Board of Directors meeting. Plan to arrive no later than 7 PM on Wednesday, December 2, to be included in the training. Shuttles will take Navy Leaguers from

the Maritime Institute to Capitol Hill. The Legislative Affairs team will book all meetings and provide training, messaging and leave-behind documents. If you are interested in participating, please email Sara Fuentes ([sfuentes@navyleague.org](mailto:sfuentes@navyleague.org)) with your name and address and she will take care of the rest.

As a Navy League member, your voice makes a difference. You can easily write to members of Congress by going to the Navy League website and clicking on Legislative Affairs ([navyleague.org/legislativeaffairs](http://navyleague.org/legislativeaffairs)), then click on Write or Call Congress. You can use the site to write letters on any number of issues impacting the Sea Services.



# SEA SERVICE NEWS



The Navy's last coal-fired power plant was decommissioned during a ceremony held October 23 at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head, Maryland. The Honorable Dennis

V. McGinn, assistant secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment, was the guest speaker. The power plant was named for Dr. Robert Hutchings Goddard, whose research brought forth the rocket and the guided missile. The power plant provided electricity and steam that supported Indian Head scientific breakthroughs for nearly 60 years. The Goddard Power Plant will be replaced by a new Primary Nodal Plant and Secondary Nodal Plant. These facilities will allow the new system and its operations to be monitored and optimized on a real-time basis. The cost benefits with the upgraded steam distribution system, is estimated to save the government more than \$7.5 million annually. To conclude the ceremony, a lock was placed on the entrance of the Goddard Plant gate, ending nearly 60 years of service. Demolition of the Goddard Power Plant, which sits on the bank of the Potomac, is scheduled for completion in 2016.



On October 26, Coast Guardsmen offloaded approximately 1,340 kilograms of cocaine seized during two separate drug smuggling attempts in the Caribbean Sea. The estimated wholesale value of the cocaine was \$44.2 million dollars and it was offloaded at Coast Guard Base San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Coast Guard's efforts under Operation Unified Resolve contribute to the interagency results being achieved locally each and every day under Operation Caribbean Guard, which coordinates efforts between the Coast Guard, DHS and Commonwealth and Territorial law enforcement partners, who are working diligently to deter, detect and disrupt illicit maritime trafficking to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



King Stallion, the U.S. Marine Corps' new helicopter, completed its first flight on October 27. The Marines' new

helo is incredibly advanced - it will be able to lift 27,000 pounds - nearly three times more weight than its predecessor. Made by Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, the CH-53K King Stallion prototype is also known by the name Engineering Development Model-1 (EDM-1). King Stallion will have a cruise speed of 141 knots and a range of about 530 miles. It will have similar physical dimensions as its predecessor, the CH-53E Super Stallion. It will also be powered by three engines, but with the upgraded engine power of the T408-GE-400s. There are a lot of innovations designed to improve crew and passenger protection. In addition to cutting-edge self-defense weapons, advanced lightweight armor is incorporated as well as enhanced ballistic protection. The troop seats and retracting landing gear are also engineered to be crashworthy.



On October 28, the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Albuquerque (SSN 706) arrived at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and In-

termediate Maintenance Facility to commence the inactivation and decommissioning process. An inactivation ceremony was held in San Diego in late August to honor the boat's 32 years of service. During the ship's life, Albuquerque deployed 19 times, visited more than 20 countries, and steamed more than 500,000 miles. Albuquerque was second ship of the United States Navy to be named for Albuquerque, New Mexico. The keel was laid by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics in Groton, Connecticut on December 27, 1979. The boat was launched March 13, 1982 and commissioned May 21, 1983.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Governors' Veterans Service Award ceremony will be held on November 5 at 10:30 AM at the Florida National Guard Armory, 400 SW 24 Street, Fort Lauderdale. The event is sponsored by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and honors more than 1.5 million honorably discharged veterans from the Sunshine State. Honorably discharged veterans of all ages are invited to attend; wearing of veteran-related headgear is encouraged. Veterans must provide identification which validates their veteran status. Veterans and military personnel are encouraged to RSVP online at [rsvp.myflorida.com](http://rsvp.myflorida.com) using RSVP Code 110515. Registration at the event will take place beginning at 9:30 AM. If you have questions, call 727-518-3202 extension 5572. You can also visit [floridavets.org/gvsa](http://floridavets.org/gvsa) for additional information.

The Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum will hold a luncheon on November 7 at 11:30 AM at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 SE 12 Street, Fort Lauderdale. The guest speaker will be Captain A. Jay Cristol USN (Ret), Chief Justice Emeritus, Southern District of Florida. A donation of \$25 is requested to attend. RSVP by Thursday, November 5 by calling 954-205-1098 or emailing [nasflmuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:nasflmuseum@yahoo.com).

Fort Lauderdale Council will hold a dinner meeting on November 18 at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. The speaker will be Brigadier General Eric M. Smith, USMC, the new commanding officer of U.S. Marine Forces South.

Each year, Broward Navy Days, Inc. hosts a special ceremony at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale to commemorate the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, "a day that will live in infamy." This year, the 74th anniversary, the event will be held on Sunday, December 6. Save the date and be sure to watch the newsletter for further details.

Broward Navy Days, Inc. announced the dates of Fleet Week Port Everglades 2016 will be May 2 - 9. Preparations are already well underway for the 26th annual Fleet Week in South Florida and 4-5 U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels are expected to participate.





# SAILOR OF THE QUARTER



During the Oktoberfest event, Fort Lauderdale Council honored the Sailor of the Quarter, Ryan McDaniel, from their adopted ship, the USCGC Richard Etheridge. Many Broward County Council members may remember Ryan who is a former Sea Cadet and served at many of our meetings in the color guard. Ryan graduated from Cooper City High School in 2009 and then completed Coast Guard Boat Camp in 2011. Following graduation, he was assigned to USCGC Resolute in St. Petersburg, FL. Machinery Technician Third Class McDaniel reported to USCGC Richard Etheridge in Miami Beach in 2014 as part of the Engineering Department.

Fort Lauderdale Council President Oscar Romano, Commanding Officer LT Jorell Web, USCG, Ryan McDaniel, Stephanie McDaniel & Kayanne Perez!

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