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## OKTOBERFEST



Broward County  
Council  
and  
Fort Lauderdale  
Council

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Thursday, October 8  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

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## 2016 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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for 2016:

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Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Robert  
Marks  
Secretary: Shelley Beck  
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JAG: No candidate

Write-in candidates will be accepted by the  
secretary until October 31, 2015. The name  
of the proposed candidate and office for  
which they wish to be considered must be ac-  
companied by 20 signatures of council mem-  
bers in good standing. Mail information to  
Secretary, BCNL, P O Box 39252, Fort  
Lauderdale FL 33339.

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



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We held our first dinner meeting as a joint meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council on Wednesday, September 16th, at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Five of the one hundred sea cadets from the Spruance Division that attended summer training programs reported on their program experiences. It's always great to hear the descriptions of the outstanding training opportunities that the cadets are offered, with many of the cadets reporting on their experiences at submariner training at Kings Bay, Georgia. Sea Cadet Commanding Officer Alan Starr continues to do a great job developing the young men and women that will be our future leaders! We had a great turnout of active duty Coast Guard representatives from the local units at the dinner, and I announced that the Council will be 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 Fredie. We will be setting up adoption ceremonies for both units and will let you know when those are confirmed.

Our next Council gathering on October 8th will also be a joint meeting with the Fort Lauderdale Council at the annual Oktoberfest at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. It's always a fun time, so hope to see you there. Preliminary meetings have also begun for Fleet Week 2016, with three US Navy and one or two Coast Guard cutters expected to participate. While it's still many months away, I'm sure that our Council members will once again fill key leadership roles on the Broward Navy Days planning team.

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



## **NAVY LEAGUE NEWS**

The Navy League Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday, December 4 and 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" as Navy Leaguers meet our members of Congress on Capitol Hill and present the Navy League's legislative priorities. The Navy League will storm the hill Thursday, December 3, the day before the Board of Directors meeting. If you wish to participate, 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 they will take care of the rest.

The following appeared in the September 2015 edition of "News and Notes from National President Skip Witunski".

Congress has just returned from vacation, but lawmakers still cannot get work done. Instead of a regular budget, it is looking like we will have another Continuing Resolution. These Continuing Resolutions are a bad deal for the sea services - and the taxpayer. Instead of funding adjustments, all programs are funded at the same rate as the previous year. That means: no funding for new programs, no ramping up or down production schedules, and throwing away money at programs that have run their course. Worse yet, these funding levels are lower than the sequestration budget caps. The Navy League joined with other service organizations to tell Congress enough is enough. (to see the letter sent to Congress, visit the Council's website [bcnavyleague.org](http://bcnavyleague.org)).

## IN MEMORIAM



Carolyn Ann (Mulock) McElhiney, 86, of Fort Lauderdale passed away on September 23, 2015. Carolyn was the widow of Allan McElhiney, founder of the NAS Fort Lauderdale Museum. She was born on February 3, 1929 in Waltham, Massachusetts. Allan and Carolyn married in November 1947 after the war. They lived in Waltham, and then in Rode Island, finally setting in Fort Lauderdale where they raised their family. Carolyn loved being a mother and she also had lots of hobbies such as sewing, cake decorating, painting, drawing, gardening and arts & crafts. During the summer, she home-schooled her children and would take them exploring South Florida's nature trails. She also loved to organize cook-outs on the beach. In 1970's Carolyn knitted a full sized afghan blanket of the city Fort Lauderdale flag that was presented in the White House to Gerald Ford, by then city commissioner Virginia Young.

Carolyn is survived by 4 children, Stephen Allan, Donna Lee, Deborah Ann, and Diane Ruth, brother Donald and family, half-brother Eddie and family, 9 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandson.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday October 1, 2015 at 6pm at the Broward Burial & Cremation Center located at 1801 E. Oakland Park Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33306, (954-731-4321).



## USNS MEDGAR EVERS

On Thursday September 10, Board Member Erwin Sefton greeted the Naval Supply ship USNS Medgar Evers while it was docked in Port Everglades. Erwin met with Captain Andrew Lindey, Krystyn Serrano Navigator and Chaz Huggins Chief Mate (shown in photo below with Erwin) who gave him a grand tour of the latest Naval Supply Ship.

The USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE-13) is a Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ship of the United States Navy, named in honor of World War II veteran and civil rights activist Medgar Evers (1925-63). The Medgar Evers was christened on November 12, 2011 and put into service in January 2012.



## ***SEPTEMBER—TRIBUTE TO SEA CADETS***

The Navy League proclaimed the month of September as Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month. The Naval Sea Cadet program is an important part of the Navy League. The training and education provided to the Sea cadets prepares them for any career field they choose while the discipline, core values and team work they learn help form the basis of their lives as leaders in their communities. In recognition of Naval Sea Cadets Corps Month, the Broward Council joined with the Fort Lauderdale Council to honor the cadets of the Spruance Division. Five cadets spoke about the training they participated in over the summer months.

Lynn Drucker was recognized for her dedication while serving as Fort Lauderdale Council President. Lynn was recently elected South Florida Area President and according to Navy League by-laws, she cannot serve in both positions. Oscar Romano is currently serving as the acting President of the Fort Lauderdale Council and made the presentation.

*Shelley Beck, Jenny Caesar and Pat Dumont*



*Captain Mike Long and Mary Anne Gray*

*Oscar Romano, Lynn Drucker, Glenn Wiltshire*



*Commander Nathan King (center) and members of Navy Recruiting District Miami*



## SEPTEMBER—TRIBUTE TO SEA CADETS



Cadet Alexander Shyne attended submariner training at Kings Bay Georgia where he was recognized for academic excellence.



Cadet Joshua Gonzalez attended the submariner training at Kings Bay and also went on the USS Wyoming and the USS Georgia.



Cadet Matthew Tibbets attended medical training at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center where he participated in over 60 clinical rotations.



Cadet Aaron Diener, lead petty officer, attended the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge in March 2015 where he learned about the government and our constitution.

During the summer months, Aaron attended submariner training at Kings Bay. Aaron was awarded the Teddy Roosevelt medal during the evening's event in recognition of his outstanding service to the Spruance Division. Captain Mike Long, Coast Guard Sector Miami Deputy Commander, presented the certificate and medal to Aaron.



Cadet Zachary Beller also attended submariner training at Kings Bay. In addition, he attended shipboard training on the USS New Jersey in Camden where he participated in man overboard exercises

and gun training. Zachary also participated in Master of Arms (MAA) Training in Kings Bay where he was one of 8 cadets to receive a certificate of exemplary dedication to MAA training. During the training, he participated in crime scene investigation and apprehension exercises.



Also recognized during the evening was Cadet Nico Skinner. Cadet Skinner was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Medal for his dedication as Color Guard

Commander for over 30 Color Guard events. LT Mark Ketchum, Commanding Officer at Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale made the presentation to Nico.

# COAST GUARD NEWS

Council President Glenn Wiltshire announced at the September 16th dinner meeting that the Council will be adopting Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale as well as the Tactical Law Enforcement Team South (TACLET) domiciled at Air Station Miami.



U.S. Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale was formally commissioned on August 7, 1975. It is located directly across from Port Everglades in John U. Lloyd Park, Dania Beach. Its primary missions are search, rescue and drug interdiction. The

Commanding Officer is Lieutenant Mark R. Ketchum, a native of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, who enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1998. He received his commission in 2008 and is a graduate of the Florida State University earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Criminology. LT Ketchum assumed command of Station Fort Lauderdale on May 2, 2014.



TACLET South is domiciled at Coast Guard Air Station Miami in Opa Locka. TACLETs and their Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDETs) 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. LEDETs provide specialized law enforcement capability and maritime security capabilities to enforce U.S. laws across a full spectrum of maritime response situations, maritime security augmentation and maritime interdiction counter-piracy operations. Commander Michael S. Fredie, Commanding Officer, TACLET South, was born and raised in Hingham, MA and graduated

from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1996. CMDR Fredie was previously at Personnel Service Center in Arlington, Virginia where he served as the Career Management Branch Chief. CMDR Fredie assumed the responsibilities of TACLET South commanding officer on June 6, 2014.

On September 11, Council Board member Alan Starr presented Coast Guard Air Station Enlisted Person of the Quarter MK1 Angel Vazquez with a certificate of achievement, Council coin and a financial award. Enlisted Person of the Quarter AST3 Kyle Stallings was also recognized but a photo is not available. The Air Station is an adopted unit of our Council and we are honored to recognize the achievements of its outstanding personnel.



# SEA SERVICE NEWS



On September 29 at Coast Guard Base Miami Beach, Coast Guardsmen offloaded approximately 1,100 kilograms of cocaine and 4,420 pounds of

marijuana, interdicted in the Caribbean Sea as part of Operation Martillo and Unified Resolve. The drugs were seized in three separate interdictions and had an estimated wholesale value of \$41 million. This has been a record year for the Coast Guard. Since October 2014, the Coast Guard has removed 130 metric tons of cocaine (\$4.3 billion), the most since 2008. In addition, the Coast Guard and its federal partners have brought nearly 500 smugglers in more than 200 cases in for prosecution and seized over 135 vessels, both record highs. These numbers include seizures on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Congratulations to the Air Department of the USS Bataan (Council's adopted ship) on receiving the Admiral James H. Flatley Memorial Award. The award is for aviation safety and is awarded each year to one aircraft carrier and amphibious ship along with their embarked air wing and Marine expeditionary unit.



On September 25, The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) arrived in Mayport after completion of the humanitarian and civil assistance mission

Continuing Promise 2015 (CP-15). The brief stop allowed for a portion of CP-15 team to disembark before Comfort continues on to its homeport in Norfolk, Virginia. During the one-day stop in Mayport, Comfort welcomed friends and family members of the crew aboard the ship for a Tiger Cruise.



The recently identified remains of a Marine hailed for his bravery in battle headed home 72 years after he was

killed on a remote Pacific atoll during World War II. First Lt. Alexander "Sandy" Bonnyman died at age 33 while leading Marines against entrenched Japanese forces during a three-day fight for the strategically important island of Tarawa in 1943. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 1947, but his remains weren't found until earlier this year by a nonprofit organization called History Flight that has been searching for missing servicemen. Bonnyman was among 36 unidentified servicemen the group History Flight exhumed in Tarawa in the Republic of Kiribati. The remains were brought to Hawaii for identification in July. The Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified Bonnyman using dental records and other evidence. Bonnyman's family laid him to rest on September 27 at the same Knoxville, Tennessee, cemetery where his parents were buried.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Fort Lauderdale Council will be hosting the Pursuit of Honor, Courage & Commitment 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 17 at 7:30AM. The event will be held at Charnow Park in Hollywood and it will benefit the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Youth Development Program and the Wounded Warrior Project. Registration closes on Friday, October 16th at 3 PM. You can register online at [bit.ly/2015-5K](http://bit.ly/2015-5K) or on the Fort Lauderdale Council's website at [ftlnavyleague.org](http://ftlnavyleague.org).

The Moving Wall is coming to Coral Springs; it is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for thirty plus years. The Coral Springs event is being sponsored by The Veterans Coalition of Coral Springs. The Wall will be on display at the Sportsplex, located between Royal Palm Boulevard and Sample Road on Sportsplex Drive, from October 22 - 26, 2015. There will be ceremonies planned daily to commemorate the Vietnam veterans.

The 240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball hosted by Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, South will be held on Saturday, October 24, at the Marriott Miami Biscayne Bay. The guest of honor will be Sergeant Major Ronald L. Green, SgtMaj of the Marine Corps. Tickets are \$80 per person (military price according to rank/pay grade). The deadline for ticket sales is October 16. If you are interested in attending, contact 1stLT Andrew Schweers at [andrew.p.schweers.mil@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.p.schweers.mil@mail.mil) or 305-437-2964.

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.



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Spruance Division Sea Cadets who spoke about their summer training at the September dinner social.

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